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The A. B. C. of Socialism

[illegible] Mayor's Speech of [illegible]

[illegible] Socialism is being advocated [illegible] of the greatest [illegible], Preachers and [illegible] Leaders in the world, and is rapidly being accepted by the masses, the great Common People, who have always heard the Gospel gladly.

2. Because few people yet realize what practical Socialism really is and what great things it will surely accomplish for them.

But there will be one mighty, irresistible movement for Socialism by the people generally, when once they fully realize that Socialism will absolutely guarantee to each and every one:

1. A permanent position, with a generous compensation assured.

2. A comfortable home without rent, interest, taxes or mortgage.

3. The best possible and equal educational advantages for all.

4. Absolute and generous protection for self and family in case of [illegible]

[illegible] thought, and promote inventions, thereby increasing the world's wealth to the maximum and reducing the hours of labor to the minimum.

6. The end of all speculation, adulteration, political corruption, fraud, oppression, vice, crime, that are due to an unjust system, and of all lines of business, immoral and detrimental to the general welfare, now conducted solely because of profits, interest, dividends or rent.

7. Universal prosperity, the fulfillment of the universal desire for wealth and its accompanying comforts and happiness, banishing forever all poverty and the fear of poverty, furnishing [illegible] leisure time for recreation, study, and perfect development, physical, mental, moral and spiritual.

That all these great possibilities and wonderful advantages are sure to follow in a Socialist regime is evident from the very nature of Socialism, and easily demonstrated.

Socialism Simple

Socialism is simply the organized union of all labor and intelligence to promote the common welfare.

The great problem of economic life is simply this:

1. Here, on the one hand, is a vast material world with every [illegible] of wealth, comfort and happiness for all mankind.

2. Here, on the other hand, is all mankind, a vast multitude of people, with equal desires for wealth, comfort and happiness, but [illegible]

[illegible]

ly, systematically, [illegible] wonderful and unlimited [illegible] sources for the equal benefit of all the people, their common right and inheritance—all the world for all the people, the Co-operative Commonwealth,—a perfect, universal working system, universally [illegible] Labor, unlimited resulting wealth, universal comfort and happiness, universal brotherhood, harmony, love.

This is practical Socialism, simple, scientific, satisfactory.

How is this same problem being solved under our present social system?

With neither sense, system nor science. Rush, grab, steal, lie, cheat, deceive, fight, oppress, overpower—every man help himself and Satan take the hindmost. The fact is that in this great, greedy struggle, suicidal to all good morals, his Satanic Majesty gets the most of us.

The results could not be otherwise than they are—the greatest extremes of wealth and poverty; injustice, oppression, corruption, vice and crime, rampant everywhere. The few, the strongest, the most cunning, and the most unprincipled, seize the points of greatest advantage [illegible]

[illegible] rious feast possible for all, we are satisfied with the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table.

A Rockefeller seizes our oil fields, a Baer our coal fields, an Astor our lands, a Morgan our railroads and commercial industries. The strong are constantly combining their efforts of power and cunning to wring profits from the masses.

Our cities and huge office blocks are not "hives of industry," but hives of parasites, a scheming, plotting band, who "toil not, neither do they spin," constantly reaching out over the world appropriating the hard earned wealth of the weary producers.

So great is this thirst for gain without labor that even vice, iniquity and crime are used to coin the very souls of men into gold, making the whole wide world [illegible] and maelstrom of violence and oppression, of iniquity and sin.

Everywhere injustice and wrong, lack of system and harmony, lead to confusion, death.

Justice and right, system and harmony—Socialism—will naturally transform earth into heaven.

Socialism Just

But the vital question of today is: Can Socialism bring order and harmony out of the present chaotic system?

Yes, absolutely so! [illegible] ed is as simple as it is effective.

[illegible] the people's rights in the [illegible]

[illegible] Wealth.

It is [illegible] all Wealth [illegible] and Labor [illegible] is only [illegible] Wealth [illegible] Labor.

It also [illegible] so one [illegible] all [illegible] therefore all [illegible] to the [illegible] the common [illegible] Labor.

There is [illegible] as individual [illegible] erty. Land [illegible] people. All [illegible] nearly [illegible] produce [illegible]

It [illegible] all the [illegible] tive [illegible] cry. [illegible] for the [illegible]

[illegible] ple have [illegible] elected [illegible] the majority of [illegible] legislative bodies, [illegible] local, as well as [illegible] mental officers, [illegible] local.

The first [illegible] the Socialist Government [illegible] organize the [illegible] posed of all [illegible] agreed age, to [illegible] industrial work.

All children [illegible] be given [illegible] schools, colleges [illegible] development [illegible] physically, [illegible]

All the [illegible] farm will be [illegible] [illegible]

The [illegible] families [illegible] strength [illegible]

The [illegible] places will be [illegible] that [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]

There [illegible] abolished [illegible] to their [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the more skilled and efficient [illegible] inspired by their own personal [illegible] as equal partners in the new [illegible], the use of the most high- [illegible] labor-saving machinery [illegible] more perfect adaptation of [illegible], in quantity and quality, to [illegible] general needs of the people.

[illegible], as all production will then [illegible] carried on in the interest of all [illegible] people, all useless and unneces- [illegible] productions, occupations and la- [illegible] will be abolished, and such [illegible], with all the present [illegible] labor, will be utilized in use- [illegible] industries, resulting in the great- [illegible] abundance of the necessities and [illegible] of life with the least [illegible] number of labor hours per [illegible] each.

[illegible] details of transfer, or- [illegible], production and distribu- [illegible] be no greater [illegible] in similar transactions in pri- [illegible] business today.

[illegible] management of this co-opera- [illegible] system will require simply [illegible] ability of a good gen- [illegible], with his trusted and effi- [illegible] lieutenants, will organize his [illegible] Industrial Army in easily [illegible] divisions and subdivisions [illegible] to develop the world's [illegible] resources systematically and [illegible] to the equal advantage [illegible] the people.

[illegible], in this great Industrial Army, the general will have the [illegible] co-operation of each and [illegible] individual member of the [illegible], inasmuch as each member is [illegible] partner in this great world's [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] be no injustice in the [illegible] creators of all the [illegible] Wealth and Capital, and di- [illegible] all the Industries for the [illegible] welfare, as it will be sim- [illegible] what originally be- [illegible] to them and which was un- [illegible] appropriated for private use.

[illegible] will the few suffer in surren- [illegible] without compensation, their [illegible] wealth to its rightful [illegible], all the people, because, as [illegible] participants in the greatly in- [illegible] general wealth and comforts [illegible] under the more perfect [illegible] of Socialism, they will enjoy [illegible] greater possibilities of comfort [illegible] pleasure than before, with none [illegible] the worries and uncertainties, and [illegible] the additional satisfaction that [illegible] else may then enjoy equal [illegible].

Nor will there be any danger of [illegible] or fraud in the new sys- [illegible] of Government. For, not only [illegible] all profits be eliminated, and all [illegible], and hence tax frauds be a [illegible] of the past, the Government [illegible] being simply a part of the [illegible] Industrial Army and paid like [illegible] rest, in time-checks or credits, [illegible] money itself as such, "the root [illegible] all evil," will be entirely abol- [illegible], supplanted by the safer and [illegible] scientific system of time checks [illegible] credits, redeemable in exchange [illegible] the great supply storehouses and [illegible] of the Government.

[illegible] money, a power today re- [illegible] of its source, there will be [illegible] "grafts," "get rich quick [illegible]", frauds, bribery, [illegible]

[illegible] and with the possible and absolute assurance that "He who will not work, neither shall he eat," there need be no fear regarding a sufficient incentive for labor or invention.

Then, for the first time in the world's history, will every labor-saving invention be welcomed, as well as the advent of every laborer, whether by birth or immigration, as each will either increase the power of [illegible] production or reduce the hours of labor, conferring a universal benefit.

An increase of good things by whatever source, which under our present absurd social system proves a curse to so many, will, under Socialism, always prove a blessing to each and all. With each person an equal partner in the world's business and an equal sharer in the general prosperity, the successful efforts of each will mutually benefit all, while each in turn will enjoy the equal benefits of the successful efforts of all others.

With the world's industries organized to the highest degree of efficiency, and with all labor organized and utilized most advantageously, each and every man being personally interested in the greatest possible production of wealth, to which, by his simple time check, he has equal access, no greater possibilities for universal prosperity, comfort and happiness could be obtained nor would even be desired.

With such glorious possibilities who w[illegible] not be a Socialist?

Socialism Practicable

Is Socialism practicable? [illegible]

[illegible] system, [illegible], are practical, then Socialism is practicable.

Moreover, the great successes of Government-controlled railroads, telegraphs, telephones, municipal gas, water and other plants in European countries and cities, as well as the Postal system, the Public School system, in our own country, all partial steps in Socialism, prove that Socialism, fully developed, will be a far greater success, as the possibilities of political corruption and fraud through private gain will be entirely eliminated.

Socialism is simply the modern business tendency of organization and consolidation developed to its complete and logical end, with the all-important additional element of the personal interest, as equal partner, of every man connected with the business to guarantee its success.

Nothing could be simpler, more economical, nor more practical, than one complete system of manufacture, of agriculture, of transportation, and of distribution, conducted at cost for the equal benefit of all the people. The Meat business, the Oil business, the Steel business, and other lines of industry, are already completely organized and consolidated, and need only to be nationalized and conducted without profit in the interest of all the people. The entire change from private to public business will be as simple and easy.

Objections

There are no real objections to Socialism. The so-called objections to Socialism are offered only by people ignorant of the real truths of Socialism and of its wonderful [illegible]

[illegible] all the [illegible] present absurdity of [illegible]—the fact that the great masses of mankind, the laboring people, [illegible] of all the world's great plenty are seemingly content to suffer, to beg, to starve, [illegible] and engage in strikes and other impracticable and temporary schemes, when, by simply asserting their natural rights, rising up in their mighty and efficient power, [illegible] peacefully voting for Socialism through the Socialist Party, they could, in a few years' time, forever end all strikes and labor troubles, establish a perfect and permanent Labor Union, guaranteeing the maximum of wages and the minimum of hours of labor, reclaim their own property, the world's great wealth, and all be rich, enjoying homes and lands, automobiles, educational advantages, vacations, comforts and all the happiness and pleasures possible with universal prosperity.

So will this great light and truth of Socialism, once reaching the hearts of the great number of honest, moral and Christian people, whose only desire is to seek the highest welfare for all mankind, soon wipe out the greatest shame, the great blot of the present day—the fact that a so-called Christian Nation permits innocent, honest men, women and children, deprived of the opportunity of remunerative employment, in utter helplessness and despair, to resort to crime, prostitution, and suicide, when, by doing our simple duty, we might so soon usher in Socialism, the only Christian so- [illegible]

[illegible] ful, noble and happy [illegible].

Socialism is right. Socialism is reasonable. Socialism is desirable. Socialism is possible. Socialism is the only practical and perfect solution of the great economic problem of life.

As Socialism would put a speedy and final end to the awful poverty, strife, and terrible evils of our present social system, establishing the long looked for reign of universal prosperity, peace and righteousness, it is the duty of every philanthropist, every moralist, every Christian, every laboring man, to support this great cause and help to proclaim its beneficient principles as rapidly as possible, to the whole wide world and *work and vote for Socialism.*

THE CHICAGO FELLOWSHIP

Since the last report the following meetings have been held:

Sunday, January 22, the regular monthly meeting was held at Masonic Temple. Rev. Paul Glaser of Gary, Ind., spoke on the struggle of the working class in England from the thirteenth century to the present. The address was interesting, and Comrade Glaser answered questions ably. At the business session the old officers were re-elected, except the treasurer, Mrs. Reigh Utley, who declined, and Comrade H. B. Langley was elected in her place. Comrade Utley did splendid work last year and the Fellowship is very grateful for her services. An executive committee of fifteen was also elected.

Sunday, February 26, the Fellowship observed Woman's Day. Mrs. Ella Carr acted as chairman and Mrs. Frank [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] read by Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] a Man," [illegible] [illegible] by song, [illegible] Mrs. Nannie [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] present. Copies of the [illegible] number of the [illegible] [illegible] attended.

Thursday, March [illegible], Comrade [illegible] from [illegible] "The [illegible]" [illegible] Lutheran Church [illegible] very interesting and [illegible] answered questions [illegible].

Sunday, March [illegible] ing was addressed by [illegible] of Christ Church [illegible] ject was "[illegible]" [illegible] of the audience [illegible] followed [illegible] for his [illegible] were [illegible] H. B. [illegible] and Mrs. Ella Carr [illegible] Fellowship [illegible] the [illegible] low. The [illegible] shows [illegible] Fellowship were [illegible].

Sunday afternoon [illegible], Edward Ellis Carr [illegible] Hall, Forest Park [illegible] Bible," under the auspices of [illegible] cialist Branch. [illegible] vertised well, and the [illegible] good in spite of the rain.

Ward in [illegible]

Our Comrade [illegible]

[illegible] pressed. He is the [illegible] place. It would be a [illegible] him away from his [illegible] introduction of the [illegible] ship requires special [illegible] Comrade Ward [illegible] Center will do his [illegible] National Secretary. He [illegible] days and spoke [illegible] a large audience in [illegible] Auditorium, Sunday, [illegible], "The Rich Man and [illegible]" evening he was the [illegible] monster Warren [illegible] bor Temple, [illegible] tendance. He [illegible] religious Socialism [illegible] ously as any other [illegible] beneficial results [illegible] culable. Monday evening [illegible] disagreeable, [illegible] elements and [illegible] was an [illegible] flower Congregational [illegible] "The Religion of [illegible]"

Tuesday evening [illegible] tian church, [illegible] suburb of Los Angeles. [illegible] well filled with a [illegible] Wednesday he [illegible] geles Church [illegible] luncheon speech. [illegible] was the most [illegible] series. Representatives [illegible] nent churches [illegible] men comprised the [illegible] Angels gave evidence [illegible] finding [illegible].

Wednesday evening he [illegible] Heights Congregational [illegible] "The Right to [illegible]" The lecture [illegible] We will go to work [illegible] have numbers of [illegible] We are going to [illegible] time we can [illegible] The Center is [illegible]

Your [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] fruitful and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed [illegible] and the land was filled with them.

[illegible]

Another thought at this point suggests that IT IS THE PECULIAR PROVIDENCE OF GOD THAT THE WORLD SHALL EVER BE PEOPLED BY THE LOWEST STRATA OF SOCIETY and that the only possible way to save humanity is to save it FROM THE BOTTOM UP. Level up, not down. The attempt of a master class to become superior to the producing masses has ever bred selfishness, crime, idleness, sterility, weakness, imbecility, insanity, misery and extinction.

The statistics of Europe and America show that the birth rate rises or falls with economic conditions, that "race suicide" among the masses is the result of poverty. Whereas the average birth-rate in France and Germany is two or three per family, the French and German people in America, where economic conditions are relatively more favorable, undertake larger families; while the American born people, realizing that conditions have become relatively worse for them, are having fewer and fewer children. As a result the American families are dying out and the European peoples are taking America both by immigration and by family increase. This is right according to nature and the will of God, for those who are so unnatural as not to be willing to sacrifice for children of their own are not good material out of which to produce future generations. Let the sturdier bodies and souls and more human spirits of the lovers of children people the earth with their kind. The working class of today is the proper parent of the future race. And the more they desire and love their children the harder they will struggle to make the world a fit place for children to live in. The benefits of the social revolution are not for us but for our children.

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[illegible] tion occurred and "there arose up a new king (dynasty) who knew not Joseph" (Ex. 1, 8). Then the Hebrews were enslaved in return even more miserably than the Egyptians had been (Ex. 1, 8-22 and Ex. 5, 4-19).

The awful similarity of the condition of the Hebrews in their bondage and the direful state of millions of people in all modern civilized lands is apparent to every well informed person. **THERE ARE TWENTY TIMES MORE PEOPLE IN AMERICA TODAY SUBJECT TO SWEATSHOP CONDITIONS THAN THERE WERE HEBREWS IN ANCIENT EGYPT** and their state is as bad and as hopeless. Two million childslaves in factory, mine and mill. As many women in sweatshops. Millions of men working long hours each day for less than enough to keep their families from actual suffering. And even millions of people with no jobs at all, which is worse than slavery. Ten million people in America hungry, cold and unhoused.

Is it strange that women seek the brothel for hire, that men throng the prisons, that multitudes are in despair?

In 1907 the London times admitted that **MORE THAN ONE-THIRD** of the English people were in chronic want, confessed it was impossible for them to find support in England, and advised their shipment to Canada where they might find land upon which to live. Such conditions prevail also in Italy, Austria, Russia and elsewhere. **AND THERE IS NO POSSIBLE DELIVERANCE WHILE THE PHARAOH OF CAPITALISM REIGNS.**

Under the crushing power of modern money lords who own the machinery of production which was intended by Almighty God to give the people freedom and plenty, THERE ARE [illegible]

[illegible] power.

Slavery, [illegible] land. The [illegible] than they [illegible] seditious [illegible] fires of revolt [illegible] spreading in every land! Thank God.

[illegible] of God.

Jesus the Son of God was executed for heresy and for sedition—He was a "[illegible]" and a "rebel"—well for the God of Moses [illegible] He is beyond the reach of capitalistic Pharaohs and their [illegible] priests!

God saw the idolatry, the [illegible], the drunkenness and the general wickedness of the Hebrew people in Egypt. He knew it. But He was a firm believer in the Socialist [illegible] of Economic Determinism—in fact He was the Author of it. **HE KNEW THAT NOTHING BETTER COULD BE EXPECTED [illegible] A RACE OF CRUSHED, STARV[illegible] SPAIRING SLAVES.** And He did not commission Moses, as some of our modern [illegible] ers would have done, to go and tell the [illegible] Hebrews to "be good and then they would be happy"; to "be content with their lot and [illegible] on earth and they would receive a [illegible] the skies"; to "seek first the spiritual [illegible] dom of God in their own hearts" and [illegible] who did so might have plenty while the [illegible] starved.

No. He knew that moral and spiritual [illegible] generation was impossible until they [illegible] economically freed. Therefore He [illegible] forget all about their sins and degradation when the Voice of God spoke out of the [illegible] flame of the Burning Bush into the [illegible] of Moses, the Labor Agitator who had [illegible] Midian to escape the vengeance of [illegible] this is what He said:

"I HAVE SURELY SEEN THE [illegible]

[illegible]

Oh, how [illegible] Not a word about repentance, faith, [illegible] tion, sanctification or heaven. Only a [illegible] of loving **SYMPATHY** with their [illegible] slavery and want and a promise of **DELIVER[illegible] ANCE** from [illegible] and [illegible] **LAND OF PLENTY WHICH [illegible] SHOULD OWN FOR THEMSELVES** [illegible] what a hopeless "materialist" the [illegible] Moses was, as Seitz Wilson has said [illegible] knew that men must have a fair [illegible] make a fair living in the right way [illegible] they can live right. The economic [illegible] tions of society must be just before [illegible] righteousness is possible. Moses did not deliver to the Hebrews the Ten Commandments until they were out of Egypt [illegible] on the way to Canaan; and he never [illegible] them the precious doctrine of [illegible] all—lest it might be used by the [illegible] and cunning as an opiate to keep the [illegible] people quiet while they were being [illegible] as was done in the Egypt of Moses [illegible] being done all over the world today.

Opportunity Before [illegible]

Three striking thoughts must be [illegible] right here, if the reader would understand the Bible story of the Exodus.

1. God saw that the people could not [illegible] "spiritual" until they were first able to [illegible] the "natural" means of life. Human [illegible] ish that nations may live, but [illegible] must be saved before souls. The [illegible] foundation must be first secured.

2. God did not [illegible] deliverance is another [illegible] ECONOMIC [illegible] WORLD. The [illegible]

[illegible] be saved in heaven. The [illegible] [illegible] has been [illegible] by mammon-worshipers until it has poisoned the very [illegible] of religious life itself with individual [illegible]ness. The salvation of my little soul [illegible] death is impossible unless I do my best [illegible] overthrow mammon's reign and establish [illegible] rule "on earth," and such a [illegible], shirking, unsocial "salvation" would [illegible] be worth while if it were possible. It [illegible] be a contemptible and unhappy "[illegible]" composed of souls caring more about [illegible] themselves than about saving mankind. [illegible] to talk of trying to "save the world" [illegible] impoverishing people by exploitation, or [illegible] defending competitive robbery, is the [illegible] hypocrisy. Much of the money given [illegible] missions, to charity and to support the [illegible] is BLOODMONEY, stained red with [illegible] and murder. The crumbs that fall [illegible] the rich man's table can never benefit [illegible] church, but curses it. JUSTICE BEFORE CHARITY. Let rich men give up all, then [illegible] for mercy.

[illegible] The Mosaic Exodus was primarily A WORKING CLASS REVOLT. The Jewish [illegible] and the Jewish nation are both firm[illegible] founded upon the proletarian revolution, [illegible] the class struggle. This fact is self-evi[illegible] to every honest reader of the Book of [illegible].

THE COST OF INJUSTICE

[illegible] cost of injustice is greater than its ben[illegible]. It not only degrades the soul, but brings [illegible] and adequate punishment.

[illegible] and Aaron were but spokesmen of [illegible] when they pronounced the terrible [illegible]; and at this distance of three thou[illegible] five hundred years, with the history nat[illegible] dimmed by superstitious legends and [illegible], we need not stickle about specific [illegible] interpretations of the account of the [illegible] struggle that went on between the [illegible] slaves demanding concessions and [illegible], proud, stubborn, cruel resistance of [illegible]. One's faith in the simple, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that subject. Each particular [illegible] struck straight at some prominent pre[illegible] of the Egyptian tyrants and their false [illegible] demonstrated the truth and power of [illegible]. But the oppressors hardened their [illegible] and would not yield to the just claims of [illegible] suffering Israel.

[illegible] plagues that have fallen upon modern [illegible] society on account of the unjust [illegible] inhuman conditions it has brought are [illegible] and terrible.

The First Plague

1. Capitalism has debauched and dehuman[illegible] its most successful devotees. Greed, idle[illegible] drunkenness, licentiousness, childless[illegible] divorces, emptiness, misery are in the [illegible] of the rich because their methods of [illegible] a living and of passing their time [illegible] unnatural, unjust and injurious. All their [illegible] balls and monkey dinners, scandalous [illegible] and insane revelries can not remove [illegible] plague.

The Second Plague

2. The masses of the people must toil so [illegible] that they have no time for self-[illegible] and elevating pleasures and have [illegible] imbruted, stunted, stunned, like [illegible] to the ox." The military records of [illegible] nations show that the average man [illegible] to enlist in the army is smaller, [illegible] and weighs less than he did fifty years [illegible] machine production placed the mil[illegible] working people in the life-long prison [illegible] cheerless, insanitary factory, mill and [illegible]. The average human life today spells [illegible] and imprisonment.

The Third Plague

[illegible] The extreme poverty caused by the ex[illegible] of the working people in capitalistic [illegible] for the means of life makes it im[illegible] them to obtain sufficient healthy [illegible] clothes and comfortable, sanitary [illegible] they are sickly, discouraged, [illegible]. They must have the [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] toms of the awful degradation that has fallen as the curse of God upon our monstrous civ-ilization.

The Fourth Plague

4. Crime has become so common that nothing is thought of it. Robbery, murder and rape occur every day. Dishonesty is well-nigh universal. The workmen, having no personal interest in their task except their wage pittance, no love for their ill paid toil and no sympathy with their exploiting masters, are guilty of shirking and slighting their work. They have no adequate incentive to nobler workmanship. The employers, separated from their men until they have lost all sympathy for them, disgusted with their shirking and carelessness and driven by the fierce competitive struggle for business success in which most of them fail and fall, have become as heartless, relentless and unscrupulous against their employes as the slave drivers of old. Spies, thugs, corrupt police, hireling soldiers and debauched courts are used with merciless, conscienceless power against them. The class struggle looms more fierce, diabolical and terrible today than ever before. And the one who now denies this stupendous, world-wide, bitter class struggle is either an ignoramus or a hypocrite. The curse is on us and modern society is a hell of bitter, cruel, unscrupulous war between all classes, but especially between the producer and the exploiter. As the Indiana State Baptist Convention said: "Society is composed of three classes, Producers, Plunderers and Paupers."

The Fifth Plague

5. In the struggle for a livelihood and success in business, "the battle of life" has degenerated into wholesale murder of innocent, helpless men, women and children. The saloons deal out poison beverages that produce brawling, insanity, sickness and death. The food-stuffs, both animal and vegetable, are made and canned to sell, not to save, and are full of all manner of deadly poisons. The milk that the millions buy to feed their babies brings the doctors and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] great sorrow and loss. The very medicine innocently purchased to save the life of wife or child is filled with vile liquors and deadly poisons by murderous adulteration. The factories, mines, mills and railroads murder scores of thousands every year and cripple several times more for the sole purpose of saving the money that should be spent for safeguards to life and limb. And wars are deliberately undertaken at vast expense of the people's money and lives for the mere object of "protecting the interests" of a few business men who have risked their fortunes in the effort to exploit the people of other nations. The profit system has brought the curse of wholesale murder. Life is nothing in the eyes of mammon-worshipers compared with the dollar.

The Sixth Plague

6. As a result of our unnatural manner of life under capitalism the general health and safety are destroyed not only by diseases incident to exposure, adulterated foods, over work and over worry, but by a train of horrible contagious diseases like dyptheria, typhoid, tuberculosis and sexual rottenness worse than leprosy. The other day a sweet little girl in Chicago drank from a public cup and now she is afflicted with a terrible venereal disease which has permanently destroyed her health, will blight her mind, prevent her being a wife and mother and make her a deadly peril to every one who touches her or anything she has touched. Hundreds of thousands of women rotting in the brothels where they have been driven by economic pressure; millions of homeless men innoculated at the brothel who afterward marry and ruin the health of wives and children. Toilet rooms, drinking cups, barbers' tools and hands, hotel beds and table utensils, car seats and even the very air are alive with germs of horrible, deadly diseases. Great God, the plague is on us! and human life to millions has become a [illegible] [illegible] and to millions more a [illegible] terror. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] are the affections of [illegible] [illegible]. The spread of divorce [illegible] [illegible] classes and even the [illegible] And the number of unhappy [illegible] not yet broken up is appalling. Yet [illegible] of the unfavorable conditions [illegible] italism, the average couple love [illegible] are happy in their relations and [illegible] and the family remains the noblest [illegible] of human society. But millions of [illegible] women can not have husbands [illegible] lions of men can not afford a family, [illegible] lions of homes are miserable through [illegible] and want, while millions more are [illegible] mercenary marriages or by foul disease [illegible] ried from the brothel, and the [illegible] worse, and must grow worse until the [illegible] system which prevents universal marriage [illegible] love alone is destroyed.

The Eighth Plague

8. The plagues of capitalism have cursed the state with political corruption [illegible] foul and vast that every real patriot [illegible] with consternation. The people no longer [illegible] confidence in their "public servants," [illegible] sale graft is expected in municipal, [illegible] national affairs. Men of good character [illegible] repute fear to risk themselves and their [illegible] names in official life, and if they yield [illegible] sense of duty and succeed in obtaining [illegible] nomination they are usually beaten [illegible] polls by the machine gang who know [illegible] tisanship but spoils; and if they are [illegible] "the dirty pool of politics" soon tarnish [illegible] fair names and characters. Capitalism [illegible] has made politics as criminal as [illegible] "representative government is dead," as [illegible] tor Lafollette declares, except as it [illegible] "the interests" who buy councilmen, [illegible] tors, congressmen and judges like so [illegible] stock in the open market. Mere [illegible] reform can not cure this evil. Turning out [illegible] of rascals out to educate another set [illegible] rascality will not help matters. [illegible] [illegible] be laid at the root of the tree. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] murder, must be [illegible]

The Ninth Plague

9. The plague of infidelity is rampant [illegible] land. Increasing multitudes no longer [illegible] the Church, believe the Bible, or worship [illegible] And, worse than all, millions of those who [illegible] tend Church and profess to worship God [illegible] their absolute infidelity by their acts. [illegible] will not enter into the kingdom of [illegible] themselves nor allow others to enter; for [illegible] only infidelity that really hinders the adv[illegible] of God's kingdom and breeds distrust [illegible] men in general is the infidelity of professing religion.

If there is a God of love and power, [illegible] Bible is true, if Jesus was the Son of God [illegible] Saviour of the world, the church that [illegible] itself by His Name and professes faith [illegible] Book has become the most pitiable [illegible] the face of the earth—not as compared [illegible] other human institutions, but as compared [illegible] its own high, holy and mighty ideals and [illegible] fessions. If the moral enthusiasm, [illegible] to tyranny, defense of the poor, personal [illegible] ness and spiritual power spoken of in the [illegible] were real, then the religion of today [illegible] even an honest echo of the religion of [illegible] and Jesus, of the prophets and apostles. [illegible] brids are non-productive, and church-[illegible] have been trying to serve both God and [illegible] mon so long that they are spiritually [illegible] dead. From their dead faith and corrupt [illegible] spring the deadly disease germs of [illegible] and social wrong. The Church [illegible] largely to blame for present conditions. [illegible] "Hear ye the word of the Lord:"

"IF MY PEOPLE WHICH ARE CALLED BY MY NAME WILL HUMBLE [illegible] SELVES AND PRAY AND TURN [illegible] THEIR EVIL WAYS AND [illegible] FACE, THEN WILL I [illegible] HEAVEN AND WILL FORGIVE [illegible] INIQUITIES AND WILL [illegible] LAND." But instead of [illegible] [illegible] promise—WHICH [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

... in the coming of God's ... When the Church gets ... with God, men will get right with the ... But a greedy, tyrannical, supersti- ... Churchianity, mammon-worshipping ... must meet the scornful opposition of the common people more and more. "It is fit for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men." Such a Church is anti-Christ, the mother of infidelity. Oh brothers, ... arouse yourselves to learn and to do the will of God in behalf of humanity; for the God of Moses is the true God.

The Tenth Plague.

... Must the tenth plague fall upon us? Must our country be deluged with blood and the firstborn be left dead in every home?

Whether this grievous affliction came upon the Egyptians by long civil war or by sudden ... of divine wrath does not matter. The ... of the bereaved Egyptians is familiar to American hearts; for did we not refuse to let the sons of Ham go free until God had ... a father or son in almost every home both north and south? We know the fact too well to quibble about the method of God's vengeance. He sees the afflictions of the modern working classes, He knows their sorrows, He has heard their cry, and He will surely come down to deliver them. And He will COME DOWN ON US again if we oppose the deliverance.

Whether the social revolution from capitalism to co-operation comes by peaceful education and the ballot, or by the wild roar of ... war will depend chiefly upon what the ... people do within the next few years. If they soon side unequivocally with the working class, the issue will be peaceful. If they ... with the Pharaohs of capitalism, the ... will be long and bloody. The priests ... were on the side of Pharaoh. Had ... cared or dared they could have prevented ... of Egypt, including the death of ... [illegible] ... when the curse of God fell like ... in its swiftness, fury and destruction. Let American preachers and people beware.

HOW ISRAEL "GOT POSSESSION"

In his interview with Moses in the Midian desert God declared that He would make the stubborn Pharaoh at last willing to let the Israelites go by many afflictions and bereavements, and then He promised (Ex. 3, 21-22):

"And I will give this (slave) people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, and it shall come to pass that when ye go ye shall not go empty. But every woman shall borrow of her neighbor, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver and gold, and raiment; and ye shall put them upon your sons and daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians." And it appears from Ex. 12, 35-36 that the Hebrews did "spoil the Egyptians" so that they afterwards had plenty of gold and silver with which to adorn their persons and decorate their tabernacle. They got away with all the wealth they could carry.

It is amusing to hear timid capitalistic minded modern preachers try to explain this act of general confiscation of wealth by the Hebrews. Blinded by the false notion of "the divine right of private property" obtained by force or fraud, they

"Try to make apology for God;
And while they seek to vindicate Him,
They confess the adverse verdict of appearance."

But the Socialist has no trouble with this question. It needs no apology. God understood "surplus value." He knew that the labor of the Hebrew slaves had created that wealth ..., and that when they took it and "spoiled the Egyptians" they were merely taking what rightfully belonged to them. [illegible]

... of production and all the wealth of the nation, they will claim it as their own and will find a way to get it.

The Socialist platforms of all nations favor "legal," peaceful methods of getting possession by purchase, etc.; but if the issue between capital and labor must be settled by war, then the time-honored capitalist doctrine "to the victors belong the spoils" will at last have one more grand, honorable realization. And the God of Moses will look on with smiles of approval. He has given ample warning in the Book, and the great Day of Restitution draws near.

And it is very significant that the Egyptian people were willing. The Hebrews had "found favor in their sight." Had it not been for the greedy, stubborn ambition of the Egyptian officials to hold their slaves and their product unjustly, the Egyptian people would long before have been willing to free the Hebrews. And by the time the organized working classes of America gets generally ready to demand their full rights the middle class will be willing to help them to freedom. But the comparatively few capitalist masters, by means of servile courts and politicians and ignorant hireling soldiers, may precipitate a frightful struggle and resist the will of the people to the last bloody extreme, as Pharaoh and his henchmen did. If so, they must take the natural and inevitable consequences.

MOSES THE LABOR LEADER

To every honest student of the Hebrew Exodus it will be perfectly clear that, whatever else Moses was, he was a labor agitator and organizer, a proletarian revolutionist, a rebel against capitalistic government. Though born in a slave's hut of Hebrew parents and taught the traditions of his people and the faith of Abraham by his own mother, he was the adopted son of the Egyptian princess, reared in a palace, given "all the learning of the Egyptians," which was the very highest of that age, and, tradition tells us, was a successful general in the Egyptian army with medals of victory on his breast. Yet though prospective heir to the throne, he was so disgusted with the injustice and graft of the government and the master class and so heartbroken by the sufferings of the Hebrew slaves that he could not endure his position. He was a true man, "choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God"—the poor whom God hath chosen—"than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season"; therefore he left his princely palace, resigned the throne and went down to organize revolt among a race of slaves.

His first efforts were unsuccessful. His own people opposed and betrayed him (Ex. 2, 11-15) and he was forced to flee for his life from Egypt. But he evidently kept in touch with his brother Aaron and other Hebrew agitators during the next forty years, and when the time was ripe he returned to help complete the organization and head the revolution.

Protected by the number of Hebrews and the strength of their organization, he carried on negotiations and conflicts with the Egyptian masters until at last he was victorious by the help of his people and the power of God.

Moses was a labor leader worth while. He did not spend his efforts and the money of his followers merely demanding slight concessions from the masters. He demanded complete deliverance for his people. Our modern labor leaders, like Burns, Gompers and Mitchell, do a lot of talking (for which they are exceedingly well paid) and compromisingly accept many tokens of friendship and esteem from the capitalist chiefs; but Moses was no friend of Pharaoh, he did not belong to the ancient Civic Federation; he was a real labor leader, a genuine working class revolutionist—and HE DELIVERED THE GOODS. And his people went on a general strike and walk-out for all time. They refused to "go back to work" and marched victoriously away to freedom and the Promised Land of plenty and peace.

Several states have passed laws ... [illegible]

A ... [illegible]

the ... [illegible]

This book* is very interesting to the Christian Socialist in that it ... time when the Christian Socialist is ... nized authority on Christian Soc... forum" circles. Comrades Carr and ... quoted in the book as leading ... Christian Socialism. Dr. Zahniser ... the younger Presbyterian ministers ... burg and is a friend of Mr. Morr... American Federation of Labor and ... connected with the last campaign of ... stone party. He is a very capable ... and represents a large number of ... who are beginning to be actively ... social questions but who are opposed ... cialism. In this book Dr. Zahniser ... himself to be the master of a style ... to his purpose. He shows himself ... conditions in modern society which ... social change. He differs from the ... as to the remedy. We might wish ... Zahniser might not stop half way but ... might go to the remedy to which ... deeper thinking would lead him. We ... he would make a good Socialist after ... "converted."

The book is divided into four chap... "An Age of Social Strain," "The In... of the Old Evangelism," "The Inade... Socialism," and "The Gospel of the ..." For the enjoyment of this book it will ... ter for readers of the Christian So... omit the third chapter and then read ... the fourth has been read. In that ... average reader will be fairly comfor... he reads Dr. Zahniser's book, although ... notice the lack of what the Christian ... call the Millenium or the Socialist, the Co... ative Commonwealth, i. e., the revolu... ideal of which the "immediate dem... but the stepping stone.

However, when we come to the third ... ter, it is very evident that the feeling ... Socialism ... change. In ... place, Dr. Zahniser regards Socialism ... arch, because ... to his ... cialism is hopelessly and essentially ... istic, in the sense that its materialism ... tral and chiefly distinguishing ingred... I am ready to say that if I held this ... tion that Socialism is materialistic be... hope of Christianization, or if I suppo... Socialism were essentially anti-Chri... I would have none of it. But one day ... along and saw in Socialism "a true ... program or economic theory." (See ...) I saw nothing else in it which is ... it as a system of political philosophy ... that it affords a means of accompli... Christian ideals which we are lamely ... to accomplish under our present eco... tem. I saw in Socialism a means of ... the Doctrine of the Brotherhood of ... the twentieth century. If it will do th... I, I will accept it, no matter who ... Even if we were to agree with Dr. Z... that the great Socialists are materiali... we not accept it as a "political pro... economic theory" if it is true? If it ... nected with materialism and yet true ... its "political program and economic ... is concerned, shall we not capture it for ... tianity and then enrich it by breeding in ... ligious spirit such as materialism can... give? Why not accept it, simply be... true?

With Socialism as stated in the ... Socialist (April 1, 1908) in four points ... ten repeated, as follows:

"1) Collective ownership of the ... production * * *

2) Private ownership of private w... as home, etc * * *

3) Direct legislation through initiativ... endum and recall * * *

4) A new system of money * * * ... (quoted on page 90), Dr. Zahniser ... [illegible]

[illegible] virtually [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible]ing, the fact that Dr. Zahniser [illegible] the last phrase as coming from the platform of the Socialist party, he refuses to believe that it represents the position of Socialism and contains the essential part of the philosophy. The Socialist party does not really understand its own philosophy, the Christian Socialist is accepting more than it really understands, "there is a nigger in the woodpile," and it is this "nigger" that Dr. Zahniser is trying to expose. The definition of Socialism, the epitome of the program which has appeared often in the Christian Socialist, is too easy. Dr. Zahniser belongs to that class of philosophers to whom any thing easy or apparent is likely to be false and to whom the truth lies deep in the bottom of some intricate logical process. The result is that in holding Socialism to be inherently and essentially materialistic, Dr. Zahniser is hunting for a "nigger" which does not exist. He is passing away from the truth, "which he who runs may read" to find the truth far from home. This appears very plainly in his statement to which we have already referred (page 82), "Were Socialism merely a political program or an economic theory, the church could afford to give it little attention." Now there are a great many simple economic and political truths, the neglect of which leads to many serious consequences in ethics and religion. Certainly the refusal of the church to recognize the truth of a simple economic fact, a simple fact which like many other simple things, like many of the simple facts which the [illegible] inventor sees, has to do with clogging and [illegible] of the machine called civilization, would be a tremendous mistake. What Dr. Zahniser means is or what he ought to mean is, "Were Socialism merely a political program or economic theory that doesn't amount to anything, the church could afford to ignore it." But this economic program has grave moral [illegible]. Dr. Zahniser is a Calvinist. He forgets the simplicity of great changes that Calvinism in its political aspects was only a simple [illegible] [illegible] It was only a political program or economic theory," [illegible] marked the age of democracy. If Dr. Zahniser would give his attention to these simple apparent facts rather than to the discovery of things hidden beneath the surface which do not exist, he would come more easily and more surely to the truth. This is the "[illegible] idea" which vitiates all of this part of the book. These unseen horrors of Socialism [illegible] not scare us, this horrible picture is the more useless the more horrible it is painted. The Socialist party may continue to declare that it has nothing to say on religion, leaving that to other organizations, but he will have us materialists whether or no. But for all this [illegible] we are not afraid to take up Socialism and prove it from our Bibles, standing with it [illegible] it ushers in the kingdom of God and [illegible] to stand with materialism in the Socialist, Democratic or Republican parties or wherever it will show its head.

Having found Socialism materialistic, Dr. Zahniser is compelled to offer a great many arguments which do not agree well with the [illegible] the rest of his book. He brings in the old argument that Socialism will destroy incentive. The Socialist prints have taken care of that argument too often to bring it up here. It is suggested that Socialism has no place for sin. Socialism as a political philosophy has nothing to do with sin, neither have the Republicans and Democrats—as a philosophy, but the Christian Socialists put in the same place it has long occupied, the place assigned to it in the Bible, and they underscore that petition of the Lord's Prayer, which says, "Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." We have not the time to discuss these objections [illegible], but only to notice several points in a [illegible] which we believe will be of value to the readers of the Christian Socialist.

[illegible] believes in competition in in[illegible] a distinction between the com[illegible] and of the so-called [illegible]

[illegible] to have competition for [illegible] wars work. When [illegible] are trying to get a market, they must either get the other fellow's market or themselves go to the wall, and they will not be apt at fighting French duels. It will be "war to the knife and the knife to the hilt." Mr. Zahniser seems to be innocent of the principle that competition means monopoly and it is monopoly which he so sincerely hates. Yet he believes in competition. The lives of Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rockefeller are witnessed by him in vain. We see before our eyes the passing of competition into monopoly. To restore competition would but start the cycle over again. Monopoly is inevitable, the only question is, whose monopoly, the monopoly of the people or of "the interests." When the people assert their title to the monopoly, then we have the co-operative commonwealth. This fundamental opposition to competition according to Dr. Zahniser is the fundamental error of Socialism. Then it is the fundamental error of Christianity. James says, "If ye bite and devour one another take heed lest ye be consumed one of another." If the small capitalist of thirty years ago had obeyed this injunction he might have been better off today. Could we better express the economic results of capitalistic conditions? How the follower of him who said, "Bear ye one another's burdens," can object to a movement whose fundamental policy is to eliminate competition, is almost past one's understanding. It is almost as ridiculous as the condemnation of the French "Sillon" by the pope because they advocated the "Brotherhood of Man."

When it comes to the philosophical principles of Socialism, only one is considered. Surplus value is set aside as unworthy the author's consideration because purely economic. Why he sees no moral value in the statement of the U. S. Census that the average mechanic receives in wages but [illegible] [illegible] progress. If this be true at all, it is so only in form. We hear no preachers of righteousness appealing more directly to [illegible] human will as the great fountain of all advance than the Socialists. Eugene V. Debs again and again tells the workingmen that they themselves are the authors of their own grievances because they will not avail themselves of the ballot as a means of redress. If the Socialist believes only in material forces, why does he so ceaselessly agitate; why does he carry his propaganda into every town and hamlet in America, why doesn't he wait for material forces to work out the matter in their own good time? No, while the Socialist believes that it is foolish to use spiritual forces in changing an evil environment unless the forces are directed against the environment itself with the purpose of changing it, yet he also believes that the human will is supreme since he appeals to the political sense of his audience as the highest power which he may invoke, i. e., that they may direct their political powers against present conditions and thus by struggling end them.

Dr. Zahniser makes the serious mistake of omitting the consideration of the class struggle. He does not seem to see the enormous advantage of appealing to the worker to right his own wrongs. The worker of hand and brain and especially the lower classes of workers, will first feel the pinch of injustice. He will naturally struggle harder to remove the burden of poverty than the man who does not feel it. In so doing he will endeavor to remove poverty from such as he is and so will early enter the struggle to remove poverty from society. Moreover a struggle for the rights of the working class is not a selfish struggle; it is the struggle to establish the saints under their own vine and figtree, i. e., a struggle to give the product of industry to the one who produces it.

This struggle [illegible] peaceful [illegible]

[illegible] which are [illegible]

"We have heard [illegible] here is [illegible] one page he deplores [illegible] tion fails to [illegible] itself able to [illegible] the struggle for [illegible] into consideration the [illegible] publican party in Penn[illegible] with Dr. Zahniser that [illegible] trust their rights to [illegible] had best choose [illegible] their rights shall flow [illegible] the workers, supported [illegible] by themselves?

In the fourth chapter, "[illegible] Age," something is said [illegible] a social gospel which [illegible] upon Socialist ears. [illegible] somewhat resembles [illegible] "Immediate Demands." [illegible] thing lacking. His [illegible] and his politics so [illegible] operative commonwealth. [illegible] with social evils as they [illegible] the new evangelism [illegible] as the modern anti-Christ. [illegible] Christian Socialist, [illegible] of the tree of good and evil [illegible] our garden of Eden. With [illegible] this tree is the source of all [illegible] and many others. The only [illegible] Zahniser is that he believes [illegible] and its possibility of evil [illegible] would now and then chop [illegible] branches, when they become [illegible] he would continue to prune [illegible] that they should not [illegible] cialists belong to the "[illegible] of reformers, we not only [illegible] root of the tree but we [illegible] the roots. We [illegible] tree of Evil and [illegible] we will make short work of [illegible] tree out of the garden.

Dr. Zahniser, we ask you in all [illegible] give up your pruning hook and take up [illegible] tuck and shovel and axe and get [illegible] dirt with us at the root. You [illegible] not go on keeping that tree in the [illegible] telling your friends that it is a good [illegible] keep it there. Come down with us [illegible] Perhaps we shall not get this [illegible] dug out entirely in our day, [illegible] sprouts of some of the other [illegible] main, when the Gardener takes [illegible] even so, we will know that our [illegible] aimed at and had a part in [illegible] death of that tree and that we [illegible] help its growth by giving it a [illegible]

GERMAN IN TURK[illegible]

The German ambassador at C[illegible] has recently made an [illegible] upon the Turkish government [illegible] German language shall be taught [illegible] schools that are now being [illegible] in the Ottoman Empire. [illegible] many in making this [illegible] to keep even with England in [illegible] commercial supremacy in the East.

Previous to the adoption of [illegible] in 1908 almost the only [illegible] Turkey was the 427 [illegible] the American Board of [illegible] lish is taught in all these [illegible] books are in English. [illegible] schools furnish nearly all the [illegible] ers for the new [illegible] that English is being [illegible]

This high-handed action [illegible] ernment shows [illegible]

[illegible]'s First Convert

By [illegible], Portland, Oregon

[illegible] from the [illegible] was [illegible] in the clock [illegible]

[illegible] "it's time for [illegible]"

[illegible] from the [illegible] in it, [illegible] called back [illegible] and books.

[illegible] rose with a [illegible] of his [illegible] an involuntary [illegible] the familiar study [illegible]. The soft [illegible] drapery, the shelves [illegible] well selected volumes [illegible] from [illegible] a cultured taste [illegible] prided himself.

[illegible] back, but [illegible] the pretty, [illegible] room.

[illegible] a long time since we have seen [illegible]," he said gently. "Think what [illegible] to have his assistance this [illegible] church work, to lean upon my [illegible] what is coming to be an ever [illegible] and burden."

[illegible] his wife. "If his studies [illegible] balanced and practical, he [illegible] great help to you."

[illegible]!" John Brewster [illegible] the electric [illegible] "That was Helen all [illegible] two words. No [illegible]

[illegible] the luxurious [illegible] into which we have just been peeping [illegible] testified to worldly prosperity. [illegible] of his wealthy con[illegible] prominent position in his de[illegible] frequent demands upon him [illegible] of all kinds.

[illegible] now to crown it all, the scholarship, the [illegible] prosperity, the congenial habits of his [illegible] Donald was coming to help [illegible]. The boy had just graduated [illegible] seminary with honors, [illegible] disappointment, being [illegible] the commencement on account of typhoid fever, from which [illegible] recovering. In the state of [illegible] and even mental inertia from [illegible] entirely emerged since his re[illegible] looked forward to his [illegible] with an eagerness akin to ex[illegible] unknown to Donald, [illegible] to his father's as[illegible] the next six months, preaching at [illegible]

[illegible] but determined, that spoke of the man of action as well as of dreams.

A swift glance over the platform was all he needed to catch sight of his father advancing to meet him.

"Father!"

"Donald!"

That was all, but who has not heard a language expressed in one word?

Arm in arm in what, John Brewster said to himself, was a prophetic link, they walked back to the motor.

"How resolute the boy's face has grown," thought the father, as from time to time during the ride home he glanced at his son's face and noted the new strong lines about the mouth. "I wonder how he will take the proposition of the church."

But it was not till that evening when the mother had retired and the father and son were alone again in the study, that Mr. Brewster told Donald about the proposition for him to become assistant pastor for a time. "It will be the making of you, Donald," he said. "You will get a first rate church with such a start as this will give you." His face beamed with joy at the thought, but to his surprise Donald's face suggested no answering pleasure. He looked troubled, and, rising quickly, he began to pace the room in thought.

"I'm sorry about it in a way, father," he said at last. "I didn't want any church to tender me an offer without understanding my position. And, as it is, I shall not accept until they do."

"Your position!" The father's hand on the chair gripped the arm with sudden tension. "Surely you have not lost the faith, Donald."

"No, father." The boy straightened up to [illegible] [illegible] devotion that I thought was all gone. I have become a Christian Socialist."

The most convulsive heart sobs—the dumb, inarticulate cries of the soul—God alone hears. What was it about the boys words that stirred all the chords of memories that had long been resolutely banished and caused one of those silent sobs to vibrate in John Brewster's soul and fall before the great white throne. Outwardly there was a dead silence for some moments. Then Donald, unconscious of the result of his words, resumed: "I didn't write you definitely, father, because I really was not sure what I was coming to myself, but I know now."

The noticeable tightening of the muscles about the boy's mouth showed the connection between his present thoughts and the new determination the father had noted in his face.

"Whose work is this?" asked John Brewster, his trained mind instinctively seeking sources.

"It was Professor Hutchins who first put my thoughts into the right track, father. He teaches church history so that one simply cannot help coming to the conclusion that I have."

"He does!" The tone vibrant with both question and denunciation boded ill for Professor Hutchins in view of the fact that the speaker was influential with the board of seminary directors, since his parish contained some large supporters of the institution.

"And Gertrude did much for me from the practical side, father," continued Donald, heedless of his father's tone. "You know how she went to the social settlement after she finished college because she thought it would give her the training she would need as [illegible] wife. And there, right in the heart of Chicago, [illegible] poverty at first hand, and, oh! [illegible] you must read her letters. She has seen [illegible]

[illegible] to become his [illegible] but John Brewster's face was hard.

However, when the boy had at last said "Good-night," the father, wrapt in deep meditation until long after the hours had heralded a new day, decided to let the boy take a dose of his own medicine—to preach the sermon he desired as expressive of his platform, and then reap his own whirlwind. "He will not attempt it again," he thought, "when he sees what an unfavorable opinion it will create."

Thus it is we express our lack of faith in the children who we ask God to make better than ourselves!

So Donald preached, and, at his own request, in the morning. "There will be more of the people who will finally vote on me out there," he had said; and his father had grimly agreed.

Before they left the vestry, Donald grasped his father's hand.

"Father," he said, "you have said to me many times before preaching, 'Don, pray that I may have a convert today,' and now, father, I ask you the same request. Pray that I may have at least one convert."

For one moment father and son stood facing each other. The flush of expectancy burned in the lad's cheek, the fire of holy zeal in his eye. Before that gaze John Brewster stood condemned. He pressed the boy's hand and said nothing.

Donald stood up very simply before the people. Without the usual seminary awkwardness, the youthful flourish of trumpets, he stated that his text was but two dear familiar words, "Our Father."

He commenced by showing how all humanity were bound by the tie of brotherhood on account of their common heavenly Father, and we could no more escape from our race relationship that we could from our immediate family connections. The family mark—simple humanity—was upon us all. Color, nationality, class, condition of any sort [illegible] ing the horrid [illegible] man against man, class against class, [illegible] inevitable resultant, the living death of millions whom we carelessly speak of as the under world."

"Yet in face of these conditions [illegible] today calling back to an accusing [illegible] Cain's old-time haunting question, 'Am I my brother's keeper?' These low down men and women, am I responsible for their condition?

"And today, as of old, God is not silent," Donald continued. "Back to the human [illegible] who kill their own kind by the thousands, to an indifferent and hard hearted society, to a faithless church who destroy [illegible] daily by destroying his living gospel, [illegible] through the vast revolutionary movement [illegible] make for righteousness, is thundering His eternal answer to man's age-old question, 'Thou art thy brother's keeper.'"

Then Donald asked them how they, who were there before him, were discharging their responsibility—by [illegible] protest against the conditions that enslave and [illegible] body and soul; by simple indifference, by passive hostility, or, God forbid, by active participation in preventing the coming of the [illegible] day?

"God grant that the blood of but few Abels, if there must needs be any, [illegible] the heads of this generation, and [illegible] on those who call themselves by the name of the great Emancipator of the world."

Whenever a man has a great message that he feels to be of [illegible]

[illegible] John Brewster's eyes. With the swift [illegible] powers of the mind, he was sud[illegible] transported back twenty-five years to the [illegible] when he, like Donald, was beginning his [illegible] with ardent passion and definite ideals [illegible] humanity in a fundamental manner. [illegible] appeal of Christian Socialism had reached [illegible] too. He could remember yet the thrill [illegible] come to him as he read of the great [illegible] in England under Maurice and [illegible]. All his inborn love of justice and [illegible] had been satisfied by its philosophy, its [illegible] import, its embodiment of the Master's [illegible]. He had felt it vibrant with the life [illegible] Christianity, and his emotions as well [illegible] reason testified that it was true and good. [illegible] came the test—his first sermon on the [illegible], their cold, even bitter, reception by his [illegible], the kindly warnings of older men [illegible] such a course, the significant hints that [illegible] be better to leave such things out of [illegible] sermons for his own good, his subsequent [illegible] to a woman of birth and means, with [illegible] politic philosophy of "balanced and practi[illegible]." And he had torn his colors down [illegible] they were fully afloat on the breeze. [illegible] failed to attempt the greatest moral [illegible] that God had ever offered him. He [illegible] truckled to Mammon's forces, he had [illegible] the appeal to all that was heroic in his [illegible]. And the result? Though the world said [illegible] prospered, John Brewster knew that his [illegible] had grown sick unto leanness. He had [illegible] to follow the star of prophecy, and what[illegible] of Herod's favors he had obtained, he [illegible] that he had lost the sight of the Messiah. [illegible] God forgive him, he had failed, and, as [illegible] challenge his failure, here were his dead [illegible] resurrected in this boy of his with the [illegible] face and burning message.

[illegible]! the boy is making his closing appeal. "It is never too late to cleanse one's heart [illegible] doctrines, of the worship of idols and [illegible] the Truth and enthrone our Father [illegible]. This great Christian Socialist move[illegible] embodies both—the embracing of truth, [illegible] enthronement of God. Will you not study [illegible] further it as God gives you light? Will [illegible] fulfill Christ's expectations of you and [illegible] Him embark on the sea of a tremendous [illegible] adventure which will test all your man[illegible], but which will repay you by the rich[illegible] of its results in your soul and in the lives of your fellow men? Will you not dare to em[illegible] a few ideals ere life is done, because you [illegible] your brother's keeper, and because God is your Heavenly Father?"

Then, turning to where John Brewster sat, he said, simply, "Father, lead us in prayer."

For the first time in public since those old days of youthful idealism, John Brewster really prayed. Those who heard that prayer will never forget it. He made a mighty confession. Like Peter, he said, he had denied his Lord; like Judas, he had betrayed Him, but he would not go out and destroy himself. Rather he would consecrate the remaining portion of his life to the Christianity of Jesus rather than the churchianity of Mammon. "And with me, oh our common Heavenly Father," he prayed, "may there be a consecration of every heart in this divine presence to the cause of humanity, which is the cause of God. May we, as a result, [illegible] experience that for which our glib tongues have so often prayed in ignorance, 'The love of God, the Father; the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abiding with us evermore. Amen.'"

There were many conflicting emotions within the breasts of those who bowed their heads under this prayer—emotions of hatred and of [illegible] which bore fruit in the weeks that fol[illegible]; but to Donald Brewster, listening with [illegible] pulse, there was present only an [illegible] joy, a holy peace, a rapturous [illegible], for he knew that his request to [illegible] had been answered and that he, the [illegible] his first convert.

[illegible] Ammunition Cheap

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OUR MISMANAGED POSTAL SERVICE

That the United States postal service is being run in the interests of the railroads, express companies and other concerns having dealings with the department, instead of in the interests of the employes and the public, is well known by everyone who has taken the trouble to give any consideration to the matter. Just now there is an attempt being made by Postmaster General Hitchcock and other apologists for the postal department, to make it appear that the objection to the proposed increase of postage on magazines from one to four cents a pound on the advertising portion is merely a selfish objection on the part of commercial concerns fearful of losing unfair privileges. In this article we propose to give our readers, as briefly as possible, the facts about the postal service as gleaned from the writings of those who have made special investigation of the matter.

George Horace Lorimer, editor in chief of the Saturday Evening Post is quoted in the Chicago Record-Herald as follows:

"Mr. Hitchcock instances one magazine—the widest circulated and most profitable periodical in the country—to show that this periodical's recent increase in advertising rate resulted in a profit of $917,106, or enough to pay its postage bill.

"The absurdity of this sort of long-distance accounting is obvious when it is explained that this particular periodical had to take more than 75 per cent of every dollar of advertising income to pay the excess cost of manufacturing and supplying subscriptions over and above the amount actually received from subscribers."

In similar strain The Literary Digest comments as follows:

"Our Canadian readers now pay 85 cents a year extra on account of the increased postal rate on American Magazines entering Canada. Other publications make a similar extra charge on Canadian subscriptions. Now American readers are threatened with a like advance on all the magazines they read if this measure becomes law." * * *

"We have received from one of our advertisers some illuminating figures on the Government's profit on magazine postage. The President claims that when a page of advertising is carried at one cent a pound, it is carried at a loss. Our advertiser inserted a full-page advertisement on which we paid one cent a pound. That was where the Government lost, according to the President. In a few days, however, the advertiser received 4,000 letters of inquiry in response to the advertisement, each with a two-cent stamp on it. To every inquirer the advertiser sent six different follow-up letters and six different circulars, making a total of $640 for postage so far. But this was not all. He received about 400 orders for sets of books, to be paid for in installments. Each monthly payment required a notice, a reply, and a receipt returned. Two-thirds of the payments were in money orders, each with a fee of three cents. Altogether the Government received about $884, this advertiser reckons, mainly in first-class postage, which yields the Government an immense profit."

In the February number of the Twentieth Century Magazine, Jas. W. Babcock has an article concerning the postal deficit from which the following short extracts are taken:

"The United States pays more money to railroads every year for mail transportation than all other countries of the world combined." * * * "The railroads receive four times as much for mail *hauled on the same train* as for express, and we pay the railroads five times as much as Canada pays for the same service. Canada's profit of a million dollars last year is much more to the credit of her astute statesmen than is our millions of dollars deficit to our legislators."

"A recent annual report of the New York Central Railroad gave the total earnings on express matter as $1,870,800, on mail $2,380,000. * * * this road takes from New York City every day an average of 24½ cars of mail and *more than twice that number of express cars*, yet the mail pays better than the express or passenger business figured on either basis, space or weight."

"In addition to paying for the transportation of the mail by weight, the Post Office Department also pays $1,000 a year rental for each car, the rental alone amounting to $5,000,000 last year."

"It costs $5,000 to construct a modern car, therefore the railroad companies receive from the Government every five years enough to pay for the construction of all the cars used, in excess of the contract price for hauling the mail by weight."

We presume that Mr. Babcock means by the "cost" of a mail car the price delivered, and not the labor cost. When a Socialist speaks of cost he generally means labor-cost, or the actual cost of the labor used in producing the raw materials and the finished article. [illegible]

[illegible]

"The United States Express Company [illegible] pounds from New York to Chicago [illegible] same train that the Government pays [illegible] for transporting 200 pounds."

"Read what a joint committee of Congress [illegible] say in this connection: 'The testimony [illegible] committee incontestably established [illegible] within a definite radius, second class [illegible] and consigned in packages of [illegible] address (as most periodicals are) [illegible] with apparent profit at the rate of [illegible]

"The Government pays nine cents [illegible] transportation of second class mail [illegible] railroads make a different contract with [illegible] companies. The rate to the express [illegible] low that it enables them to charge [illegible] for handling the same matter, [illegible] road, and pay big dividends as well."

"The following is recorded in the [illegible] zine. A man wished to see a [illegible] Germany on the parcels post [illegible] and wrote to Washington for it. He [illegible] vately informed that it was [illegible] to appear. But it was set in type [illegible] printing office and a proof taken. On [illegible] been written, '*Withhold at the request of Platt.*' Senator Platt (from New York) [illegible] stockholder in the express companies, [illegible] was president of the United States Express [illegible]."

In the preceding quotations the postal [illegible] ice is treated simply as a business [illegible] and merely as a business proposition the [illegible] statement of the case is damning [illegible] denunciation that we might indulge [illegible] add anything to it. But nothing has [illegible] said about the overworked mail clerks.

Under the law they can do nothing to [illegible] their condition but simply resign. The [illegible] roads can go into politics to protect their [illegible] terests; if a postal employe does the [illegible] he is instantly discharged. In order to [illegible] $11,500,000 a year and make a record for [illegible] self Postmaster General Hitchcock has [illegible] sorted to the methods of a capitalist [illegible] driver. Perhaps that would be good [illegible] in the service of a corporation, but before [illegible] gets through with the American people [illegible] Hitchcock will find out that slave driving [illegible] a corporation and slave driving for the [illegible] are two different propositions.

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GIBBONS' REPLY TO EDISON

Cardinal Gibbons replies to the quoted [illegible] ments of Thomas A. Edison concerning [illegible] and immortality very fairly and [illegible]. The Cardinal points out that while Mr. Edison says he believes in a "Supreme Intelligence" he can find no evidence of a "personal God," but does not define what he means by the term "personal God."

It seems that a great many people who [illegible] themselves atheists or agnostics [illegible] childish sort of a big-man-up-in-the-sky [illegible] God, and because they are too stupid to [illegible] ceive of a spiritual God they, very [illegible] disbelieve in such a "person." If [illegible] "God" and the term "personal God" [illegible] big-man-up-in-the-sky or a long-bearded [illegible] arch sitting on a big white throne [illegible] some unknown part of the universe, [illegible] most orthodox Christians would be [illegible] for none but children, imbeciles and [illegible] can believe anything so foolish. Verily, [illegible] fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God,' and he says it because he is a fool, [illegible] sufficient intelligence even to understand [illegible] meaning of the word.

Mr. Edison does believe in a personal [illegible] notwithstanding, for he clothes his "Supreme Intelligence" with all the attributes of person[illegible] ality, with the exception of bodily [illegible]. Cardinal Gibbons points out, and [illegible] is only a means of expressing personality, [illegible] personality itself.

As the Cardinal says, "Christ's life, [illegible] works, His doctrines, His personality [illegible] divine. Nothing short of that explains [illegible]. And that is also true in a lesser degree [illegible] the other beautiful characters that [illegible] loves and honors. The goodness [illegible] nature displays at its best is always [illegible] where a demonstration of that [illegible] 'in whom we live and move and have our being,' whose other name is Love."

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CHANGE OF NUMBER

[illegible] Comrades, we have not moved again, but [illegible] 56 E. RANDOLPH STREET, CHICAGO.

"The most irrational thing in the world is the 'rationalism' that denies God.—The Continent.

April Fool Number

[illegible] we present [illegible] another 16-page paper [illegible] Consider its richness, and decide whether you ought not to order a bundle for distribution at the nominal price of one cent per copy, [illegible] copies for $1.25, 1,000 copies for $8.00.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

[illegible] Moyer's fine article, "The A. B. C. of [illegible]," or Carr's stirring article, "The [illegible] Labor Strike," is worth far more than [illegible] of this paper; and the rest of this [illegible] is exceptionally valuable. Read it all [illegible] carefully, including the interesting [illegible] helpful news from Milwaukee, the [illegible] articles and comments by Watts, [illegible] excellent S. S. Lesson, Mrs. Spiers' [illegible] to "Young Crusaders," and all the [illegible] big and little and say if you do [illegible] a sixteen page paper every week. [illegible] sixteen pages to make room for [illegible] departments, including a "Woman's [illegible]," and we urge you to help and [illegible] by getting new subs or by sending [illegible] or both.

[illegible] is not paying expenses, but it [illegible] YOU WILL GET OUT AND HUSTLE.

FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The [illegible] of the General Conference of [illegible] Christian Socialist Fellowship [illegible] to St. Louis [illegible]

[illegible] to attend and deliver addresses are Rev. W. D. P. Bliss of New York City; Rev. Wm. A. Prosser of Pittsburg; Rev. Thomas J. Thompson, Rev. Jos. Dotherage, Rev. E. E. Carr and Mrs. Ella Carr of Illinois; Rev. Dr. Licklighter, Rev. W. A. Ward and Myra Kern of Missouri; Edwin Evans of Washington City, and others.

General Secretary Ward will make full announcement of the program in due time.

Meanwhile, let every center elect its delegates and alternates, and let every Christian Socialist who can possibly do so get ready to descend on St. Louis April 27-30. All are welcome.

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The Christian Socialist, 56 E. Randolph St., Chicago.

"HEAR YE HIM"

A Correction and a Warning

After the appearance of the excellent article entitled "Hear Ye Him," which was printed in the Christian Socialist of February 23 and March 2, and credited to Rev. Wm. A. Ward, we were startled and nonplussed by a postal card from Comrade Ward complimenting the article and regretting that he had not written it. The article was written on paper similar to what Comrade Ward often uses, with a typewriter whose work shows up much like his, in a style that seemed quite Wardesque, and had a penciled credit in the handwriting of our chief stenographer attributing the paper to Comrade Ward (presumably because she found it on the desk with a letter of Comrade Ward's and with no name on the manuscript itself.) So we printed it in good faith under the name of Rev. Ward.

Soon after Comrade Ward's denial, light was thrown upon our darkness by a fiery epistle from a California Comrade declaring that our article "Hear Ye Him" was "a bold steal" from a pamphlet of Comrade A. G. Swanson of San Diego, Cal., bearing the same title. This irate correspondent also said other equally warm and interesting things which it is needless to repeat. We at once wrote thanking him for the information and explaining the situation. We also wrote to Comrade Swanson and received a copy of the pamphlet with a charming comradely letter granting complete absolution and confessing that he had failed to sign the manuscript, which was submitted to us before it was pamphleted. Mr. Carr's absence prevented action on the manuscript at once and the miscredit did the rest.

It is a fine pamphlet, nicely illustrated, with some stirring poems on the last pages, and is especially good for distribution among church people. Hand one to your minister, S. S. Supt. or teacher.

Address A. G. Swanson, 1124 Sampson street, San Diego, Cal. Price two for 5c, 25c per dozen. (This must be very close to cost.)

Warning. When you send a manuscript always see that your name and address is plainly written at the top of the first page.

CONFERENCE

All [illegible] of the Socialist [illegible]

[illegible] a Socialist [illegible] ingly for the [illegible] thing is the [illegible] hope is God. His hope is in nature. [illegible] nizes in the great Socialist law of Economic [illegible] terminism "the power that worketh for [illegible] economic," and he believes that economic [illegible] ment through natural and social forces will [illegible] bring the regime of righteousness, love [illegible] and joy on earth. And it must be admitted [illegible] THE FAITH OF SUCH AN "ATHE[illegible] IN THE ESSENTIAL GOODNESS [illegible] VICTORIOUS OUTCOME OF NATU[illegible] EVOLUTION IS FAR BETTER THAN [illegible] "FAITH" OF A THEIST WHO BELI[illegible] THAT THE HELL OF GRAFT OP[illegible] SION AND POVERTY MUST EVER [illegible] IN GOD'S WORLD OF PLENTY.

The materialist Socialist believes in [illegible] the Christian Socialist believes in the [illegible] nature; and what if, as Comrade S[illegible] the Socialist doctrine of "Economic D[illegible] ism" is the same in essence as the Ca[illegible] ory of "the Determinate Counsel and Fore[illegible] edge of God?"

"When the Son of Man cometh shall [illegible] FAITH on the earth?" Yes, among [illegible] both Christian and materialistic. And [illegible] is moving mountains already; yes, it is [illegible] becoming a great tree in whose [illegible] nations are to find refuge for ages.

A GOOD EXAMPLE

As an example of how Socialism [illegible] ing in the Churches and of what an [illegible] program of local or nearby talent our C[illegible] Socialist Comrades could get up [illegible] where, we cite the splendid meeting at [illegible] California, on Thursday evening, Marc[illegible] in the First Christian Church, at whi[illegible] lowing addresses were given:

"Christianity and Socialism," by [illegible] Street, Presbyterian church, Oakland.

"Socialism is Christian Belief in [illegible]" Rev. H. J. Loken, Christian Church, [illegible]

"Why Am I a Socialist?" by Rev. [illegible] Baptist Church, [illegible]

Comrades, [illegible] you occasionally. [illegible] to work.

GREAT RESULTS IN DENVER

Denver, Colo., March 21, 191[illegible]

The coming of Comrade William A. W[illegible] has marked an epoch. The movement [illegible] can never be quite the same as it was b[illegible] He has shown the Socialists how in fi[illegible] the church they are fighting a natural [illegible] and he has shown the church how in o[illegible] Socialism they are defeating the fun[illegible] teachings of the Christ they believe [illegible] selves worshiping. He has shown ho[illegible] the two greatest movements of modern [illegible] Socialism and Christianity, are iden[illegible] their objects as applied to the material [illegible] fare of the people. How Socialism is [illegible] lutely essential to the carrying out of the [illegible] ciples of Christianity which are ju[illegible] and service; and how Christianity, [illegible] teaching of these eternal verities, is [illegible] ing the way for Socialism.

The teachings of Comrade Ward have [illegible] deep into the minds of all who heard him [illegible] so the unnatural conflict between the [illegible] and the party can never be quite the s[illegible] Denver.

Comrade Ward kept his three app[illegible] here with marked success. His [illegible] occurred at the Fiftieth Avenue [illegible] Church in the extreme north end of [illegible] on Saturday evening, March 18. The [illegible] was beyond the city to the south in [illegible] urb of Edgewater, at the Christian [illegible] Sunday afternoon; and the third was [illegible] central part of the city at the [illegible] tian church Sunday evening. A [illegible] [illegible] all three of the lectures, and [illegible] there were not more to follow.

Seldom if ever [illegible]

[illegible] I am ready for it."

[Rev.] Daugherty, retired after more than [illegible] years' service in the ministry, said: "[It] is good; it is Christian; I am for it; [I] only wish I had understood it long ago."

[Rev.] Thompson of Edgewater said: "Brother Ward is from Missouri, and you will have [to] show him if there is any other way to apply the principles of Christianity except [through] Socialism."

[Rev.] Dr. Tyler of the Broadway church, in [introducing] the speaker said: "This man [comes] to you with a message; he will talk Socialism to you; but that is nothing; I talked [Socialism] to you this morning, I talked it last Sunday morning, and every Sunday morning for a long time past, but maybe you did not recognize it. I shall preach it again next Sunday morning, and other Sunday mornings; [always], if I preach, for it is identical with Christianity."

Dr. Tyler's big church was filled to the [doors], and the attention was unwavering to the end.

As a further result of Comrade Ward's visit [a] revival of interest in the Christian Socialist Fellowship and a big new growth is confidently expected.

If you have any more such speakers as Comrade Ward coming this way, we pray you, do not pass us by.

[Harry] L. Gaffin, on behalf of all the Comrades [of] Denver.

IMMORTALITY

By F. Thomson, [illegible], Mo.

[illegible] the claim that socialism is opposed to religion [illegible] so persistently made, the Christian Socialist [illegible] a place of great importance. [illegible] been much interested in the discussions of [illegible] for immortality from scientific as well as religious standpoints.

[illegible] money, brains, and time have been spent in [illegible] to learn the "nature" and successful treatment of disease. These efforts have been put forth [by the] best scientists on earth, in all lands and for thousands of years. It remains a fact, however, [illegible] malignant forms of scarlatina, croup, typhoid [illegible] and numerous other common ailments, [illegible]

[illegible] does not believe in the future [illegible] he has never seen one rise from the [illegible] to believe what he cannot "verify [illegible] five physical senses." Historical data, [illegible] verify, is therefore a blank to [illegible] the record of historians be taken as [illegible] then is Christ's resurrection [illegible] established than any other his[illegible] set forth by no less [illegible] different writers in verification of [illegible]

[illegible] does not understand the "ego" of electricity. He believes it exists because he has witnessed its effects. Has he never witnessed the [illegible] of Christ's resurrection from the dead? What [illegible] could Mr. Edison have accomplished, [illegible] under the influence of Christian civilization? God knows, and Mr. Edison can guess.

[illegible] common brotherhood of man is a cornerstone [illegible] of the great religious drama and earth [illegible] enacted by the Wonderful Counsellor [illegible] Man-God who descended from [illegible] of all true wisdom, to [illegible] of death for Mr. Edison—and all [illegible] days of man-butchery must have an [illegible] and the common brotherhood of man must triumph.

[illegible] wonderful phonograph was first conceived as [illegible] in the mind. There it was nourished, [illegible] completed and born. Not yet manifest [illegible] of the five physical senses, yet it was no[w] an entity, and could be seen, heard and admired by the mental eye and ear. Guided by the [illegible] matter was made to conform to this mind [illegible] and the material phonograph was [illegible]. This first material phonograph had [illegible] individuality. It may have been destroyed long [illegible] that is to say, the material body given to it [illegible] the mental image of it remains. That old [illegible] can be resurrected. If it were it would doubtless be made of more enduring substance.

[illegible] there remains a future conscious existence [illegible] rewards and punishments for our right [illegible] doings in this life, the importance of a [illegible] social system is thereby manifest; even the [illegible] a social system in which the hungry and [illegible] have a chance to [illegible], the sick cared [illegible] may obtain justice in judg[illegible] speed the day.

For Young Crusaders

Conducted by M. Kathryn [illegible], [illegible] W. Main St., Richmond, Va.

THE ARROW AND THE SONG

By Henry W. Longfellow

I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For, so swiftly it flew, the sight
Could not follow it in its flight.

I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong,
That it can follow the flight of song?

Long, long afterward, in an oak,
I found the arrow, still unbroke;
And the song, from beginning to end,
I found again in the heart of a friend.

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Classes and Groups

One of the things Aunt Kathryn especially noticed when she went to that Playground Institute in Baltimore in January, was that the directors, as the play leaders are called, were all of one mind as to the good results gained in play by "grouping" the children according to age, sex and general condition, height, weight, etc. Not in any hard and fast way, but for certain purposes. Seems to me that is something thoroughly in line with the spirit of the times and all experience with people of all ages, sorts and kinds. We are all just naturally arranging ourselves in groups. That is the source of all organizations, labor unions, fraternal bodies, mothers' meetings, children's clubs,—oh, just about everything you can think of! And the trouble with our school system seems to me to be that those who conduct it have not put themselves in full harmony with this drift or tendency. Just as in the industries, or factories, employers are trying to stretch every one's ability to the measure of the strongest and swiftest, [illegible] [illegible] arranged for the [illegible] the education of a certain type, without regard to the different abilities, natures and destinies of the pupils. This is more or less clearly seen, and that is why agitation is going on for separate schools for weakly children, and industrial or manual training schools for those who must prepare themselves as soon as possible for obtaining a living by manual labor of some kind. This agitation would be at once successful but for the fact that it costs a great deal of money to make so complete a change in our educational system, and there are people who would try to keep water from flowing down hill and the wind from blowing if those things threatened their pockets. To be sure, it would mean a great saving in money, as well as in labor and misery, in the end, as many are prepared to prove.

Now, Young Crusaders, don't you turn your noses up at those poor, short sighted, slaves of Mammon, and think: "Oh, if I were in their place, I would not do so! I would lose a great deal of money before I would be so unjust." Would you, though? Well, I HOPE so. And if you always listen to mother or father when they tell you that smoking before you get your growth will stunt you, and make you liable to many diseases, and dull your brain (and to sin against our body is to sin against the soul, also), or that reading too many trashy stories or attending too many moving picture shows will unfit you for your studies; oh, and lots of things that you can think of as well as I—if you attend to all that the wisest people you know tell you, why, then, I guess if you were an employer, and any one showed you how you were "injuring" your employees by "speeding" them, and working them too many hours, you would listen to them respectfully and try to do all that they said you ought. [illegible]

[illegible] to do it themselves.

The [illegible] Game

You see, I am very [illegible] much to know one [illegible] whether you like the game [illegible] of trying to see how [illegible] unreal, the false from [illegible] that game. Shall [illegible] "Hunting" [illegible] to me, but I rather [illegible] when we were playing it [illegible] ing." That is a very popular [illegible] can afford it, but lack of [illegible] one from going "Hunting" [illegible] can think of a better [illegible] about mentioning it [illegible]

Don't you want to know [illegible] playing it? I guess a good [illegible] For one thing, I have been [illegible] in the ways that children are [illegible] I do not like the way [illegible] common schools, and I [illegible] about the way children [illegible] gle tax colony in Fairhope [illegible] text books before ten years [illegible] much earlier [illegible] taught before [illegible]

[illegible] or unconscious [illegible] through these, our new [illegible] up within or above the [illegible] "born again." You know [illegible] man be born again, he cannot see [illegible] God." If some of you [illegible] what Jesus meant by this [illegible] There is a great and wonderful truth [illegible] words, and God wants you to [illegible] show you what it is [illegible] know it, and are able to [illegible] do so.

God Plays Hide and Seek

The more I thought about it [illegible] grew with me that the way God [illegible] hide the real truth behind [illegible] Testament says: "Verily, [illegible] thyself, oh God of Israel, the [illegible]" He does not want us to find [illegible] find "Him" instead of [illegible] cause to find Him is to find [illegible] the Truth is to find Him. [illegible] no one else ever thought [illegible] Truth." He also said: "I am [illegible] have life," and "This is [illegible] the only true God." And [illegible] tures, "for in them ye think [illegible] (knowledge of God), "and they are they [which tes]tify of Me."

No, God does not hide [illegible] so he found any [illegible] from me sometimes [illegible] what delight it gave [illegible] That was a kind of [illegible] feel when I have traced [illegible] of His hiding place [illegible] As I think I said [illegible] is only by cultivating [illegible] from the real [illegible] able to understand [illegible] to see.

The only thing that worries [illegible] about how to play [illegible] ing way for all [illegible] us. I'm just SURE [illegible] and working to [illegible] our heavenly Father [illegible] things. He is the [illegible] Father. So, if I [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] at Work

[illegible] Report of Progress in Milwaukee by Carl D. Thompson

[illegible]

... may come either from the water or from the milk, from vegetables and even from other sources. So that a city that is suffering from an epidemic of typhoid needs to have all of these sources carefully investigated.

In reply to inquiries, Dr. Kruh has made the following suggestions:

1. In Milwaukee last spring we resorted to chlorination. This was accomplished by adding from nine to ten pounds of hypo-chloride of lime to 1,000,000 gallons of water.

2. The only positive method, however, of killing the typhoid germs is to boil the water. It need not be boiled for longer than one minute. There then may be added one-half teaspoon of common table salt to the gallon of water to relieve it of the "flat" taste.

3. During a typhoid epidemic, Dr. Kruh thinks that all milk should be boiled, and all vegetable diet must be well prepared in order to avoid intestinal disturbances. And he adds that it is of great importance in cases of this kind that food should be thoroughly masticated.

4. A very fine remedial combination, Dr. Kruh says, did good work during the typhoid fever epidemic in St. Louis, where it was used by many physicians in the following mixture:

[illegible] .... 7 grains
[illegible] .... 10 grains
[illegible] of milk .... 10 grains

Well mixed and taken with a little water twice a day, about six to ten hours apart.

To give out information of this kind for publication is a part of the policy of the present Health Department Administration, which is to educate the people as widely as possible on all matters pertaining to public health and sanitation.

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A [illegible] CITY ATTORNEY.

The City Attorney of Milwaukee, Daniel W. Hoan, is making a remarkable record. He and his force of [illegible] ... [illegible]

[illegible] ... they have stood out for the constitutional rights of labor and defended them strongly upon their interpretation of the law. Mayor Seidel has insisted that the police should not use unnecessary roughness, nor interfere with the rights of union laborers on strike.

But in another line the City Attorney's office has been doing effective service. Some time ago one of the public officials defaulted in the sum of $[illegible]. The bonding company paid only a part of the loss. Mr. Hoan began suit against the bonding company, and has just won, thus saving the city $[illegible] that otherwise would have been lost.

Suit was begun against the street car company to compel them to sprinkle the streets. The case has been won, and the company compelled by order of the court hereafter to sprinkle over and between their tracks.

In general the City Attorney's Department is showing remarkable activity and efficiency in defending the interests of the city and the welfare of the common people against the encroachment of the corporate interests in all directions.

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THE DIFFERENCE.

At first sight, it may not appear that a Socialist Coroner can do anything for the working people. However, the new Social-Democratic Coroner of Milwaukee County has already proved his value in this respect.

Since he entered on the duties of his office, many have been subjected to coroners' juries. In each of these, the Social-Democratic coroner, by [illegible] ... [illegible]

[illegible]

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BONDS AND THE [illegible]

Last week an issue of Milwaukee bonds [illegible] on the market. After all the [illegible] ... [illegible]

These bonds are for sewerage, public buildings, and other purposes. [illegible] At the time they are selling [illegible] a premium of over $[illegible] on a 4½ [illegible]

Another [illegible] ... [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Rev. W. A. [illegible] ... [illegible]

Chorus

[illegible]

WAS SLAVERY RIGHT?

[illegible], Ohio.

[illegible] Comrade:—I would like to make some comment [illegible] a statement in the paper on "Economic [illegible]" in the last [illegible] in the Book of Genesis, in the [illegible] Socialist, which seems to me not in accord with a right conception of life and of what [illegible] with a right conception of life and of what [illegible] of mankind by its Maker. The statement [illegible] "In its day it (human slavery) was morally [illegible] because it was an economic and historic necessity; [illegible] now it is wrong because machine production [illegible] the necessity of either chattel slavery or [illegible] slavery."

[illegible] which standard of right and wrong do you reason, that of man or that of God? [illegible] of act to be condoned because [illegible] evil institution or act to be condoned because of its apparent economic necessity? Shall we [illegible] the conclusion of the Jesuit when he says it is right to do evil that good may come? [illegible] either right or necessary. It [illegible] never was either right or necessary. It [illegible] evil, as far from according with the law of [illegible] before the machine age as since. It is but the [illegible] of the selfish desire of the few to live [illegible] out of the labor of the many, and the "cultured society," [illegible] upon such a foundation could have and has had [illegible] and—it fell. Supposing it were a real necessity [illegible] there should be a cultured class in ancient [illegible] Babylon, Greece and Rome, supported by a [illegible] of slaves, why condemn Joseph for reducing [illegible] to slavery and living in glory from the [illegible] of their toil? Slavery, if right in the aggregate [illegible] be right in individual cases; if right (according to divine law) at one period it must be right [illegible].

[illegible] should not all have worked in the hand tool [illegible], each have supported himself, as justly as today? [illegible] Paul did not wait for the age of machinery to arrive before proclaiming that a man who [illegible] work was not worthy of being allowed to [illegible] there had been less of culture? Would [illegible] world have been more greatly benefited by the [illegible] of a sturdy race of self-supporting people? [illegible] the rich as a class ever made the most of their [illegible] for living lives worth while? No. It [illegible] the workers, bearing their double burden [illegible] been the bulwark of the state: from [illegible] have been the bulwark of the state: from [illegible] the inventors that have made the machine [illegible] from them also came some of the great [illegible] Epictetus was a slave, Socrates [illegible] Diogenes lived in a tub. The Son [illegible] when He dwelt upon earth took not the form [illegible] aristocrat, whose standards and acts He [illegible] but He came instead from the [illegible] of the toilers.

[illegible] hundred years and more the people [illegible] His teachings, His commands, but they have [illegible] to go on in their own way. It was easier [illegible] Yet He was more than a prophet. He [illegible] and spoke with the authority of absolute [illegible] and He said: "Seek ye first His [illegible] and all these things (the material [illegible] good things of life) shall be added unto [illegible]"

[illegible] He meant His commands to be obeyed is evident [illegible] His words: "If ye love Me, ye will keep [illegible] commandments," and "Blessed are they that hear [illegible] word of God and keep it."

[illegible] the world accepted Him at His word and obeyed [illegible] there would be no need of the Socialist movement. We would long since have attained all [illegible] Socialism can give us. The fact that the world [illegible] chose to ignore Him, to live as it pleased [illegible] ground by economic pressure into the spirit and [illegible] of brotherhood," speaks anything but well [illegible] character of the mass of mankind and for their [illegible] powers of reasoning. Yet the fact that they [illegible] ground into the practice of brotherhood, [illegible] after all, He was right, and mankind has [illegible] to His way at last. It is their only hope.

[illegible] although apparent economic necessity [illegible] generally decided men's course, yet it alone by no [illegible] measures the righteousness of their institutions.

Fraternally yours,

(MRS.) MARY E. BURNET.

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Until a few years ago we would have argued [illegible] the writer of the above letter. Her plea [illegible] especially well presented, and seems upon [illegible] irrefutable; yet a deeper study of ethics, [illegible] religion and the Bible will reveal [illegible] mistake that lies hidden in her argument. It would require a special article to illustrate [illegible] mistake, which space will not now afford; [illegible] the careful perusal of our future articles [illegible] Socialism in the Bible will make our position clear.

Righteousness is always relative, never absolute; the standard moves onward and upward with human progress. The Bible once [illegible] slavery, polygamy, concubinage, etc. [illegible] the time of this ignorance God winked at [illegible]) but now He commandeth all men to [illegible]." Circumstances must always be taken [illegible] consideration. God's standard for man as [illegible] making him in future to be is far above [illegible] possibilities—and a just God [illegible] according to light, opportunity and [illegible].

[illegible] administration of Milwaukee is [illegible] owners of factories in the city [illegible]

[illegible] their cage.

The women of [illegible] secured the defeat of a bill which would have legalized prize fighting in their state. Hurrah for the ladies! If they keep on with the good work they will soon be ready to help us kill capitalism.

MRS. O'HARE TO THE PREACHERS

Clay Center, Kansas.

Dear Comrade Carr:

The Socialist Local co-operating with the Christian Church brought me here to Clay Center to give a week's lectures on the Relation of the Church to the Social Problems.

It has been a great series of meetings, but we have only found one minister, Rev. Bales, of the Baptist church, who had courage enough to come out and take part. Today we sent the enclosed letter to each of the sixteen preachers in town, and had it printed in the local paper. We are going to smoke them out if we possibly can.

I thought this might be interesting to you.

Fraternally yours,

KATE RICHARDS O'HARE.

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Dear Brother:

The world faces a mighty crisis today, economical, political and religious. All mankind shudders in the birth pangs of a new social system, the new society is being slowly and painfully ushered in and since the church and ministry are mighty forces in society and we have a perfect right to question and discuss the part they play in the great world drama.

Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all things shall be added unto you." For seventeen hundred years the church has stood as the door to God's kingdom, and its righteousness, and today the world is knocking at that door asking the way to collective righteousness, demanding to know if the prayer of Jesus "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is done in Heaven," is a farce and a lie or a living reality.

What is righteousness, how shall we attain it? Can there be individual righteousness and collective unrighteousness?

I, as the accredited representative of the Socialist movement of the world, say NO. I send it forth as a challenge to you individually to answer, and I have a right to demand an answer. You are the representatives of God's kingdom on earth, the spiritual leader of your people, and responsible to the sacred trust of leadership.

I declare, and challenge you to deny, that it is utterly impossible for a man to be individually righteous and collectively unrighteous. If you support by your vote and influence the present capitalist system, [illegible] the hands of a few [illegible] 720,000 public prostitutes. If you vote to sustain a political system which is vile and corrupt, you partake of its vileness and corruption. If you vote to maintain an economic system which places the control of the means of life for ninety million people in the hands of a dozen greedy trust owners, you are responsible for the economic ills and injustice that naturally follows.

Prayers, sermons and religious professions can not free you from the individual and collective responsibility for existing conditions.

Socialists declare and vote for the abolition of the capitalist system with its injustice, sin, vice, crime, misery and useless suffering and the inauguration of the co-operative system which simply means the actual tenants and teachings of Christianity applied here and now to the every day affairs of political, economic and spiritual life.

We declare and challenge you to deny that a man may be a Socialist and not be a Christian, but that it is absolutely sure that no man can be an honest, sincere Christian and not be a Socialist, if he knows what Socialism stands for.

How do you ministers of the gospel and spiritual leaders of your flocks defend your support of the capitalist system which is distinctly unchristian, or explain your indifference, ignorance or open hostility to Socialism which is the essence of Christianity? How do you defend your assumption of individual righteousness while you are partakers and defenders of collective unrighteousness?

By saying you are indifferent. What right have you to be indifferent? "You are not your brother's keeper," so said Cain. You plead ignorance; what right have you to be ignorant? Hundreds toil and moil and sweat that you may be fed and clothed and sheltered and have the leisure denied to them that you may study; they have a perfect right to demand that the leisure they pay for shall in a measure, at least, be used to help them solve the problem of food and shelter and clothing for the race.

It is not only the people of Clay Center who wait your individual answer, but the whole world waits the answer of the church.

This question can not be evaded longer, these problems must be faced. Have you the courage to do it? If so, I shall be glad if at any time in the future you will publicly answer this question and allow me to reply.

Yours for God's kingdom on earth,

KATE RICHARDS O'HARE.

[illegible] he is in a peculiar way a [illegible] only in an economic way as we all are, [illegible] master and matter of his education [illegible] sensitive [illegible] and training [illegible] our sympathy and kindly [illegible] harder than any other [illegible] he must be won through [illegible] somewhat different methods [illegible] great business man, or the [illegible] (because more greatly [illegible]) exploited workman.

But you are on the right [illegible] get even one-third of the preachers [illegible] they will start a [illegible] that will shake the world. When you [illegible] preacher converted to Socialism he can [illegible] still.

I am always interested to hear of your [illegible] wish you the greatest, truest and best [illegible] you and yours.

Fraternally, E. E. CARR.

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A TRAMP'S DREAM

Oliver L. Babcock, [illegible]

I

An old tramp lay in the [illegible]
An unkempt, ragged, human [illegible]
His form was bent, his hair was gray—
The sad remains of a better day.
He dreamed of loved ones far away
In the unreturnable, sacred past.

II

The winds o'er head [illegible]
The stars shone dimly through the [illegible]
At last the dreamer raised his eyes,
And long he gazed toward the skies.
Then from his heart there did arise
These words of power and might:

III

"O God and Father, Lord sublime!
Take unto Thee my soul, [illegible]
I long to be with Thee [illegible]
God heard that contrite [illegible]
And from this world [illegible]
He turned away [illegible]

IV

The clouds came up and [illegible]
The night winds rose with [illegible]
A soul had fled. The snow fell [illegible]
That God, to whom this soul had [illegible]
Thus smote the world with an angry [illegible]
Of snow and storm from the troubled [illegible]

V

O poor, unfortunate, wounded soul!
Wrecked by society's greed for gold!
Bartered, sold, and trodden down,
Like Him who wore the thorny crown,
Remember that wealth is transient [illegible]
Heaven beyond is the better goal.

VI

(By E. E. C.)

Yet, when God's will is done "on earth,"
And the Kingdom which Christ foretold [illegible]
birth,
No suffering soul by want oppressed
Shall shuddering sigh for death's cold [illegible]
All shall have warmth and comfort [illegible]
Justice and love bring heaven to men.

THEY MUST

God in the Social Democracy

By REV. HERMAN [illegible]

The Most [illegible] Book [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Sunday School Lessons for 1911

[illegible] Pastor [illegible] M. E. Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

LESSON FOR APRIL 9

[illegible] Golden Text: Psalms 91:11: "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

[illegible] incident in this lesson is a charming picture [illegible] painted in varied and brilliant colors. It [illegible] idyllic gem of rare beauty and power. [illegible] truth [illegible] with heavenly luster hung [illegible] the wall of time.

Divine Protection of Individuals

[illegible] Bible posits the invisible world as a fact. [illegible] its existence and talks of it with a [illegible] born of moral certainty. To the [illegible] of the Bible the presupposition of all [illegible] is the existence of a personal righteous [illegible] who is both transcendent and immanent. [illegible] fundamental postulate of their philosophy [illegible] the beginning and in the end, God. [illegible] following logically [illegible] is that God has both a general [illegible] over the world and [illegible] A belief in the providence [illegible] of faith in the Biblical [illegible] of God. [illegible] follows the other as night does the [illegible] would be most difficult to maintain [illegible] while denying the other, and it [illegible] to deny both. [illegible] is logically consistent in asserting [illegible]

[illegible] God does protect and care for men and [illegible] who fight in the cause of God, is the [illegible] and unreserved testimony [illegible] the Bible. The narrative before us is [illegible] of illustrations of [illegible] See Psalms 91:4; 34:7. Isaiah [illegible] Zech. 9:8.

[illegible] taught the same doctrine in these [illegible] "My sheep hear my voice, and I know [illegible] and they follow me: and I give unto [illegible] eternal life, and they shall never perish, [illegible] shall snatch them out of my hand." [illegible] not little flock, it is your Father's good [illegible] to give you the kingdom." See John [illegible] Luke 12:22-34. Matt. 10:29-31.

[illegible] the same truth in mind when he [illegible] words: "Who shall separate [illegible] the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, [illegible] or famine, or nakedness, [illegible] or sword? Nay, in all these [illegible] more than conquerors through [illegible] For I am persuaded, that [illegible] nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to [illegible] nor powers, nor height, nor depth, [illegible] other creature shall be able to separate [illegible] from the love of God, which is in [illegible] our Lord." See Romans 8:35-39. [illegible]

[illegible] illustrations are found in [illegible] such men as Joseph, Moses, David, [illegible] John, Paul, [illegible] and thousands of others.

[illegible]

[illegible] is the exact meaning of all these [illegible] and precious promises? In [illegible] and to what extent does God protect [illegible] for His children? [illegible]

that their persons shall be inviolable, or that the enemies who advance against them to eat up their flesh shall always stumble and fall. The experiences of tens of thousands of troubled lives and martyred ends instantly prove the futility of any such reading of these assurances. The saints of God, the prophets of God, have died in exile and in prison, have been tortured on rack and broken on wheel, and burned to ashes at innumerable stakes; they have been destitute, afflicted, tormented, in their lives—stoned, beheaded, sawn asunder, in every form of hideous death; they have rotted in miry dungeons, have starved on desolate shores, have sighed out their souls into the agonizing flame. The cross of Christ stands as the emblem and the explanation of their lives, which fools count to be madness, and their end without honor. On earth they have, far more often than not, been crushed by the hatred and been delivered over to the will of their enemies. Where, then, have been those horses and chariots of fire?"

The horses and chariots, symbols of God's protecting presence, are always present and mean at least two things to all those who love to serve God. First, the promises indicate that as long as a child of God is on the path of duty, and until that duty has been fulfilled, he is inviolable and invulnerable. The strangeness, the unexpectedness, the apparently inadequate means of deliverance have intensified the confidence that the deliverances experienced have not been due to mere accident. The deliverances of Joseph, Moses, Jesus, Paul, Luther and others indicate that their lives were sacred and that they were invulnerable until their task was done. The histories and legends of numberless marvellous deliverances all confirm the truth that God will not permit any mortal force, or combination of forces, to hinder the accomplishment of the tasks entrusted to His servants.

And, second, the same promises and incidents clearly indicate that God will keep men, who walk in the path of rectitude and the fear of God, in the integrity of their souls, faithful to their trust, under the most adverse circumstances, bitterest trials and cruelest death. This is the import of the exhortation of Jesus to fear not men who can only kill our bodies but not our souls. And of Paul's question as to who can separate us from the love of God? Nothing can. Men may cause us excruciating pain, rob us of all material comforts, separate us from the objects of our love and deny us the associations of the domestic circle and blot out our physical life, but they can't rob us of our manhood nor destroy our souls. While there is no warrant in Scripture for the belief that God protects the lives and cares for the material interests of those who do His bidding beyond a very limited degree, while they live under and fight against the reign of Mammon, there is warrant for the confidence that God does keep faithful men against the soul and mind destroying power of this same system. We are safe in God's keeping, and it is the consciousness of this truth, under circumstances however menacing, that enables us to—

"Bate no jot
Of heart or hope, but still bear up and steer
Uphillward."

Broader Application

Blessed as is the truth to suffering hearts it does not exhaust the subject. The providence of God has a broader application than the [illegible] of man's [illegible] covers His [illegible] government in [illegible] of hell shall [illegible]

[illegible] world? Are [illegible] cared for because of the [illegible] make to the cause of Democracy [illegible] ward march and final conquest of [illegible] And if this be true, is it not also true [illegible] Cause of Righteousness is of infinitely [illegible] value to the world than any individual [illegible] the cause of God is furthered, the [illegible] salem brought nearer, the universal [illegible] tive commonwealth revealed more [illegible] objective of human aspiration and [illegible] through the suffering and martyrdom [illegible] viduals is it not a commodity worthy [illegible] price? And is it not tremendously [illegible] all who give themselves unselfishly, [illegible] terial interests, physical comforts and [illegible] to the propagation of God's rule over [illegible] the true prophets of God and live [illegible] their days be few or many, crowded [illegible] shine or shadow, their true lives? [illegible] these things.

God protects and cares for His [illegible] it is absolutely puerile to fight [illegible] Prophets and saints may be persecuted [illegible] murdered but the cause for which they [illegible] goes on. Churches and nations may [illegible] and fail but the evolution of society [illegible] rily on to a definite goal. Christ may [illegible] to the cross, Paul beheaded and John [illegible] into a caldron of boiling oil, but God [illegible] steadily unfolds and comes nearer to [illegible] tion. The world may jail men but [illegible] jail principle. It may kill men but [illegible] not kill truth. If Theocracy, Democracy [illegible] cialism is of God the nations of the [illegible] rage, the peoples meditate vain [illegible] kings set themselves and the rulers [illegible] sel together against Jehovah and [illegible] and plan to throw them off, only to [illegible] who sitteth in His heaven laugh [illegible] and hold them in derision. The [illegible] ply its nefarious business of persecut[illegible] ing and butchering the stalwarts [illegible] kingdom, but it cannot successfully [illegible] onward march of that kingdom. It [illegible] God is pledged to its progress and [illegible] [illegible] the powers of hell cannot prevail [illegible] horses and chariots of fire protect [illegible] annihilation and defeat.

The Vision Needed

How absolutely puerile it is to fight [illegible] God and His cause is the vision [illegible] needs to see. The world has eyes, but [illegible] not see; ears, but it cannot hear; brain [illegible] cannot read the hand-writing of God [illegible] caying institutions. It fails to see [illegible] solutely safe and sure of complete [illegible] God's cause; and this is what all of [illegible] to see most clearly. Elisha saw it; [illegible] his blind, panic-stricken servant, "to [illegible] for they that are with us are more than [illegible] that are with them." And a certain [illegible] lawyer, Gamaliel by name, saw it, much [illegible] credit, when he exhorted his countrymen [illegible] desist from hounding and killing the [illegible] ciples in these memorable words: [illegible] from these men and let them alone, [illegible] counsel or this work be of men, it [illegible] overthrown, but if it is of God, ye will [illegible] able to overthrow them." Acts 5:[illegible]

But there are great numbers of people [illegible] avowed enemies and professed friends of [illegible] cause, who are as blind as bats and [illegible] see this truth. They can see but one [illegible] the issue. The enemies do not see God [illegible] know that if He be for a cause that He [illegible] than all that can be against it. And [illegible] fessed followers of Jehovah are like [illegible] the ancient spies, who spied out the [illegible] Canaan, and the stupid servant of Elisha [illegible] blind to see anything but the opposition [illegible] so weak-kneed as to become terrified and [illegible] mayed at the sight of it. They are [illegible] into instant and bewildered panic when [illegible] discover that the opposition surrounds [illegible] and they go around whining, "Alas, my [illegible] ter! how shall we do." The enemies of [illegible] racy must learn what Gamaliel [illegible] declared, that [illegible]

[illegible] of things as they are.

[illegible] primary need of the blind and dumb [illegible] today who stand [illegible] and [illegible] fear of the power of Capitalism is to [have] their eyes opened. And the greatest service [that] can be rendered them and ages to come [is for] some modern prophet to do for them what Elisha did for his servant, open their [eyes] that they may see. What a revolution would take place! What a revolution would then follow!

Personal and Social Value.

Those who have eyes and can see, are a great light; and those who have hearts and can feel, [are] a great power. The personal and social value of the consciousness that God is in the [Socialistic] movement of the ages and will safeguard its interests, and bring it to final victory, is incalculable. The state or condition of the soul as a result of this knowledge, growing out of scientific fact and rational faith, expresses itself in a threefold manner.

1. Subjective peace and joy nothing can disturb. Note the mental composure of Elisha in contrast with the fearfulness of his servant. The difference is a difference of vision. Note that of Jesus, Paul, Luther, Wesley and all those, in and out of the church, who walk in the path of duty conscious of the divinity of the cause for which they stand. This condition is an effect not a cause; it is the result of a consciousness of personal accord with and [full] surrender to the cause of truth. It is a spiritual condition springing not out of physical satisfaction but soul satisfaction in making physical sacrifices in behalf of the progress of the kingdom of God among men. I am, therefore, supremely happy, whatever my physical conditions, in the consciousness that I am making a contribution, however small, to a cause the ultimate success of which will be the good of all mankind.

2. Confidence, moral certainty, dogmatism. [A man] who knows the truth from a historical, scientific and experimental point of view, a man who sees the truth from all angles, is confident of his ground, positive in his conviction and really dogmatic in his utterances. His testimony is: "I know him whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to guard that which he has committed to my keeping until the day of my departure comes." Such a man is a power in the world and his message rings with no uncertain sound. Dogmatism is not always born of ignorance. There is a confidence, positiveness and dogmatism born of intelligence; and this is the kind they have who see clearly with both eyes. Such men with such a message is the need of this hour.

3. Heroism, self-sacrifice, endurance. Think, if you can, of a man thoroughly conscious of and devoted to the truth proving a coward under pressure! It is impossible. The history of the numberless heroes down the ages is proof. Men of this stamp endure as seeing the invisible. They suffer persecution for the [truth's] sake. They count not their lives dear unto them, if by surrendering them, they may advance the cause of truth just a bit. They [prize] more highly the coming of the universal cooperative kingdom than they do their own [interests] and lives. Like the grain of wheat, they fall into the ground and die, that future generations may live. They, therefore, suffer persecution as brave soldiers of a holy cause.

[Let] us take our cue from the incident before us. The need of the hour is sight, and the work of the hour is to open the eyes of the blind multitudes. Our work is education and organization. When this is done or gone far enough, salvation will come.

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I give the earth."

We want the earth. And [illegible]
We are God's [illegible]
The [illegible]
For He hath [illegible]
We daily pray, "Thy kingdom come,"
We ask it here as [illegible]
As Thy good will in heaven is done,
So on the earth.

We want the earth—we claim our own,
Not [illegible]
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The Maker's hand drew up the deed,
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The capitalist press has lately been writing up the Mexican trouble, evidently for the purpose of preparing the minds of the American people for intervention. In the same paragraph the insurrection is represented as an utterly insignificant thing and yet business throughout the state of Chihuahua is tied up, and American investors are on the verge of bankruptcy! The fact that the mass of the Mexican people live in a condition of chronic bankruptcy is not considered a matter of much consequence, but that American capitalist adventurers should have to let loose of some of the wealth they have filched from this distracted country is nothing less than an international calamity. A writer in the Chicago Record-Herald who belittles the revolution, the revolutionists, and the causes which led to the trouble, let this significant paragraph escape:

"Don José Inez Gonzalez, having been an invalid for several years during his early life, is not typical of the insurgent in appearance or manner. It is not at all likely that he would ever have joined the insurgents had it not been for the fact that it was unsafe for him to remain in Guerrero after the capture of that town by the federals. As president of the Anti-Reelectionist Club—in reality an anti-Diaz club—he would have had scant show at a time when Maderists were being shot for reasons much more slender than this."

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According to Postmaster-General Hitchcock's argument, the postal deficit could be completely wiped out by making the department [illegible] any mail at all.—New York American.

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The indignant citizen was fuming [illegible].

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